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):
Innovative Future Collective

Travel Dates: 02/20/2026
02/18/2026 to ~~02/21/2026~~ JB

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
~~$827.97~~ $907.97 (see p. 10) JB	$599.98	$147.00	$0.00

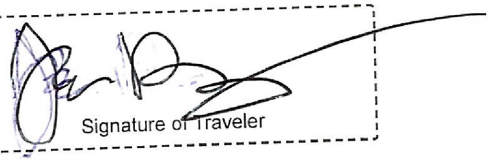
I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **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.

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Date

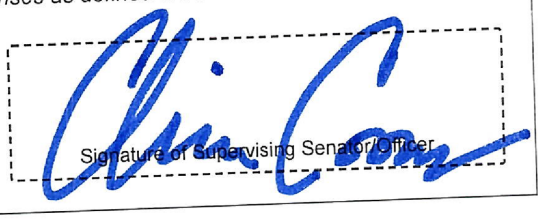
James Barton
Printed Name of Traveler


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.

3/10/2026
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
Meals	$147.00	The total for meals throughout the trip was $147. We moved the Snowflake visit to the hotel due to their venue dropping out. We had to change the location for dinner so we could have site visits at the same location as dinner. This is the reason for the cost change.
Misc. Expenses	$75.00	$75 was the travel booking fee.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

(●) Yes ( ) No

Explanation: Due to weather, the AV visit topic of discussion changed to the following: Demonstration will include a tour of the Switchblade production facility. Staff will learn about the software command-and-control interoperability and hear how autonomy and automatic target recognition (ATR) play a role in AV platforms. Additionally, staff will receive an overview of AV's portfolio of capabilities relating to and including AI or other autonomous-capable features. Due to change in venue availability, the Snowflake visit location changed to the hotel at 8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069. The Snowflake topic of discussion also changed to the following: Learn how Snowflake is delivering for the public sector and sports. Learn how the Snowflake platform is harnessing the power of data and AI to drive operational and performance efficiency, and personalize citizen and fan experiences.

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

( ) Yes (●) No

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

Innovative Future Collective
100 M St. SE
Suite 330
Washington, DC 20003

January 9, 2026

Dear James,

As you know, IFC is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization committed to helping the public, Congress, and federal agencies better understand artificial intelligence, its applications across industries, and its implications for our future. Our mission is to provide educational experiences that are dynamic, hands-on, and grounded in real-world examples.

To enhance understanding of AI's application in business and its development, **we are pleased to invite you to an educational trip to Los Angeles, CA, scheduled for February 18-20, 2026.**

Due to limited space, we kindly request that you confirm your intention to participate and submit your documents **before 5:00 PM ET on Friday, January 16.** If you are unable to attend and will not be submitting materials to the Ethics Committee, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the programming or the trip, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at lacy@innovativefuturecollective.com.

Sincerely,

Lacy Broemel
Director of Programming and Sponsor Engagement
Innovative Future Collective (IFC)

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:
James Barton

Employing Office/Committee:
Senator Chris Coons / Judiciary Committee

Private Sponsor(s):
Innovative Future Collective (IFC)

Destination(s):
Los Angeles, CA

Travel Dates:
February 18, 2026 - February 20, 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.

This trip includes visits to the full spectrum of the aritficial intelligence (AI) ecosystem —from movie studios to AI startups to global Fortune 500 companies. I am Senator Coons's lead staffer on a number of his AI bills that touch the entertainment industry (the NO FAKES Act, for example) and the tech and defense industries. I also am deeply involved in examining potential legislative solutions to the problems of AI and copyright—key issues with which the legal system is grappling.

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.

1/12/26
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 Senator Chris Coons (Print Senator's/Officer's Name) hereby authorize James Barton (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)

1/12/26
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Innovative Future Collective: Innovative Future Collective Los Angeles Educational Trip 2026

James Barton

Title:
Chief Counsel

Employing Office/Committee:
COONS, CHRIS

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
Los Angeles, California

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

This trip includes visits to the full spectrum of the artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem--from movie studios to AI startups to global Fortune 500 companies. I am Senator Coons's lead staffer on a number of his AI bills that touch the entertainment industry (the NO FAKES Act, for example) and the tech and defense industries as well. I am also deeply involved in examining potential legislative solutions to the problems of AI and copyright--key issues with which the legal system is grappling.

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Innovative Future Collective

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

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 330

Phone Number
6159488550

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

Address
100 M St SE

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20003 United States

Organization URL
www.innovativefuturecollective.com

History of Congressional Travel

Innovative Future Collective (IFC) is a 501(c)3 with IRS-approved tax-exempt status that was formed in 2024. In June 2025, it sponsored its first Congressional Travel with a staff delegation to the San Francisco area that provided educational opportunities on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in business, as well as the development of AI. It hosted a similar staff delegation educational trip to London in November 2025 and to New York City in January 2026.

Educational Activities

IFC hosts educational briefings open to the public throughout the country and Washington DC. This includes a "scholar series" program, where we bring experts and academics together for panel discussions and Q and A that are open to the public to learn, understand and question how AI is influencing and shaping industry. We also provide opportunities for the community to see, learn and experience developments in AI technology.

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

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This is an educational trip to Los Angeles, with one calendar day of programming, to provide an opportunity for staff to learn about current applications and future prospects of AI technology. It will include conversations and education on privacy and security as well as AI in the defense and entertainment industries.

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

This trip will bring together AI experts, researchers, developers, and federal policymakers to share knowledge about AI, including future and current uses. It will address the pros and cons associated with AI. The trip will allow for discussion around AI and visualization of the technology and how it is developed.

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

- [ ] 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
- [x] 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

> In order to maximize the one day of programming, we must begin programming at breakfast time. Due to the long nature of the flight and the flights times offered from the East Coast to Los Angeles, participants must arrive the night before programming. We have selected a direct flight from Washington, DC to meet this requirement, which minimizes the time on the ground in Los Angeles, but allows for a night of sleep and early morning programming the following day.

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:
02/18/2026 @ 12:35 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
02/20/2026 @ 08:47 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: $927.97 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$671.97
Note Round trip airfare		
Ground Transportation	Coach	$118.00
Note Charter bus to and from airport to hotel		
Ground Transportation	Coach	$118.00
Note Charter bus on programming day		
~~Ground Transportation~~	~~Coach~~	~~$20.00~~
Note ~~Ride share~~		

Did not take ride share
JB

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $599.98)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
02/18/2026	02/20/2026	Mondrian Hotel	Los Angeles	California	United States	2	$299.99	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
See attached document.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $118.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
02/18/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$36.00	$0.00	**$36.00**	Los Angeles	California	United States	No
02/19/2026	$0.00	$23.00	$59.00	$0.00	**$82.00**	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 All additional attachments are below.

Document Name
LA Hotel Cost Justification

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: Innovative Future Collective Educational Trip Los Angeles 2026

Travel Date(s): Feb 18, 2026- Feb 20, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Los Angeles, CA

Sponsor: Innovative Future Collective, Inc.

Ashley Kennedy
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Board Member
(title)

(signature of sponsor representative)

01-08-26
(date)

Invitation List

Josh	Delaney	Senator Raphael Warnock (D-GA)	Legislative Director
Leah	Hill	Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ)	Legislative Director
Tom	DeMatteo	Senate Judiciary Committee/Mike Lee (R-UT)	Chief Counsel
Chris	Socha	Senate Foreign Relations Committee	Staff Director
Lizzy	Letter	Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)	Legislative Director
James	Barton	Senator Chris Coons (D-DE)	Counsel (Judiciary Committee)
Kelly	Boyer	Senator Andy Kim (D-NJ)	Deputy Chief of Staff, Administration and Operations
Joshua	Yearsley	Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)	Deputy Chief of Staff
Isaiah	Akin	Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)	Legislative Director
Brianna	Walker	Senate Judiciary Committee	Counsel
Julia	Pan	Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	Science, Manufacturing, and Competitiveness Staff Member
Jacob	Bornstein	Senator John Curtis (R-UT)	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director
Giselle	Barry	Senator Ed Markey (D-MA)	Chief of Staff
Jess	Fassler	Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Chief of Staff
Victoria	Anderson	Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR)	AI Fellow
Tricia	Russell	Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)	Chief of Staff
Carly	Vandegrift	Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	Chief of Staff

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AGENDA FOR:

Innovative Future Collective's Staff Delegation Learning Trip to Los Angeles

*All times listed are local to Los Angeles (PT) unless otherwise indicated

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

12:35 PM - 3:32 PM	**United Flight #1689** *IAD to LAX*
3:32 PM - 5:00 PM	**Transport to Mondrian Hotel** *8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069* *Via Private Charter Bus* *13.3 miles, 50 minute drive*
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	**Hotel Check In** *8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069*
5:30 PM- 9:00 PM	**Executive Time for Travellers Before Programming Day**

Thursday, February 19, 2026

7:00 AM- 8:00 AM	**Breakfast and Overview Briefing of Day at Hotel** *8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069* ***Speaker:*** *Lacy Broemel, Director of Programming and Sponsor Engagement, IFC*
8:00 AM- 9:00 AM	**Transport to Aerovironment (AV)** *900 Innovators Way, Simi Valley, CA 93065* *36.9 miles, 1 hr drive*
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	**Visit and Demonstration with Aerovironment (AV)** *900 Innovators Way, Simi Valley, CA 93065* ***Presenter:*** *Matt Melendez, Field Service Representative*

Topic of Discussion:
Demonstration will include a Puma UAV launch and demonstration flight, a Switchblade 300 launch, as well as other AeroVironment (AV) unmanned systems offerings. Staff will learn about the software command-and-control interoperability and hear how autonomy and automatic target recognition (ATR) play a role in AV platforms. Additionally, staff will receive an overview of AV's portfolio of capabilities relating to and including AI or other autonomous-capable features.

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Transport to Disney Studios
500 S. Buena Street, Burbank, CA 91521
33.2 miles, 40 minute drive

11:00 AM- 12:15 PM

Visit Disney Studios
500 S. Buena Street, Burbank, CA 91521

Speakers: *Horacio Gutierrez, Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer*

Jamie Voris, Executive Vice President, Technology Enablement

Topic of Discussion: *The visit will include a tour of the Disney studio lot, focused on history of the Studio and its 100-year legacy of creativity and innovation. The group will then visit StudioLAB to learn about Disney's leadership role in driving innovation and the use of technology to drive the art of storytelling. The discussion will include an exploration and hands-on demonstration of the many ways in which the company is looking to use artificial intelligence to enable human-driven creativity and the consumer experience while driving responsible AI use in the entertainment sector and protecting the rights of creators.*

12:15 PM- 12:45 PM

Transport to Universal Studios
100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608
3.4 miles, 20 minute drive

12:45 PM- 2:00 PM

Lunch at Universal Studios Lot
100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608

Topic of Discussion: *Staff delegation discuss learnings of the trip.*

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Visit Universal Studios

100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608

Speaker: *Horst Sarubin, Senior Director, Film Production Technology*

Topic of Discussion: *The visit will showcase the Evolution of Creativity and Technology. The presentation contextualizes new AI tools and capabilities into the broader context of how humans have historically used technologies to tell stories, including how it fits into uses of technology in the film and tv business. The delegation will receive a brief educational tour on the Universal lot following the briefing.*

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Transport to Snowflake
3435 Wilshire Blvd, 14th floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010
6.9 miles, 35 minute drive

4:30 PM- 5:15 PM

Visit Snowflake
3435 Wilshire Blvd, 14th floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Speaker: *Dr. Erica Reuter, Director of US Public Sector Sales Engineering*

Topic of Discussion: *Learn how Snowflake is LA28 is utilizing AI during LA28 Olympics and Paralympics games to optimize logistics, personalize fan experiences, aid athlete training with data analysis, aiming to create the most technologically advanced Games ever.*

5:15 PM - 5:45 PM

Transport to Demonstration with BadVR
8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 900699
6.6 miles, 30 minute drive

5:45 PM- 6:45 PM

Demonstration with BadVR
8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 900699

Speakers:
Suzanne Borders, Co-Founder and CEO, BadVR
Jad Meouchy, Co-Founder and CTO, BadVR

Topic of Discussion: *Experience VR headsets to view BadVR's innovative immersive data analytics platform. Learn how BadVR's AI technology makes complex data easily understandable to impact fields such as security and real estate.*

6:45 PM- 8:45 PM	**Dinner** *8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069*

Friday, February 20, 2026

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	**Breakfast at Hotel** *8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069*
10:00 AM- 11:00 AM	**Transport to LAX** *1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045* *Via Private Charter Bus* *13.3 miles, 50 minutes driving*
12:55 PM- 8:47 PM	**United Flight #1635** *LAX to IAD*

LA Hotel Cost Justification 2026

We explored numerous hotel options. However, given the characteristics we needed in a hotel to fulfill the purposes of the trip, we had to choose a hotel that exceeded the GSA's stipend for the area. The characteristics we needed in a hotel are:

1) Audio/Visual and use of the reception for briefing the group before the morning departure
2) Proximity to restaurants and meeting locations to decrease transportation cost and travel time, due to the very brief time for programming
3) Safe area where participants can walk outside
4) On-site hotel food and beverage options late at night and early in the morning due to the schedule and the early departure to the airport and breakfast included in the room cost.
5) Capacity to accommodate a large room block so all staff can stay in a safe location together.

When identifying possibilities that met these qualifications, and had the availability for the group of our size, the selected hotel offered the most competitive rate.

Background:

Traffic Time:
Traffic in and around Los Angeles is incredibly heavy and time consuming. Navigating from one of the other areas of the city, such as Burbank, Hollywood, and Westwood causes a minimum of 30-55 min in the car between stops. Looking at suburbs such as Pasadena added even more time. Due to the brief nature of the trip– 24 hours "on the ground" of programming– we wanted to minimize the group's time in traffic. Therefore, the hotel selected is within central proximity to all site visits and within a short drive to the restaurant at the end of our programming day.

Cost of Transportation:
The cost of providing group transportation in Los Angeles and the surrounding areas is very high per hour. Due to the location of this hotel, we are able to reduce the transportation costs by allowing the group a close drive to dinner on February 19.

Safety:
In specific areas of the city, Los Angeles has struggled with significant safety challenges. As the group of staff can be a high target for crime, we were very mindful to do all that is possible to ensure the safety of our group. Therefore, safety of the neighborhood and walkability was an important factor when considering hotels.

Private space in reception/meeting area with AV/Mac Hook up Capabilities:
In order to gather our group, we wanted a hotel that enabled us to meet and give a brief overview of the day via a slide presentation for the group near the reception without requiring us to reserve a private room (which would increase costs). Few hotels had such space and fewer would allow us to use it. This further restricted the suitable options.

On-Site Hotel Meal Options:
We worked with the hotel to allow for breakfast included in the nightly room rate which lowered per diem meal costs and will save time on transportation on the programming day and travel day.