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):
Progressive Policy Institute

Travel Dates:
07/06/2026 to 07/14/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$6,243.33	$1,010.00	$500.00	$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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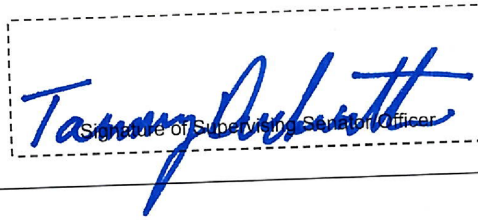
FOREST WADE
Printed Name of Traveler


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.

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Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

○ Yes ☑ No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ☑ No

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

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

○ Yes ☑ No

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Name of Traveler:
Forest Landy Wade

Employing Office/Committee:
Sen. Duckworth

Private Sponsor(s):
Progressive Policy Institute

Destination(s):
Hanoi & Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Travel Dates:
July 6th - July 12th

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.
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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.

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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 TAMMY DUCKWORTH hereby authorize FORREST LANDY WADE
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (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)

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May 13, 2026

Landy Wade
Office of Senator Tammy Duckworth

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Vietnam StaffDel Schedule
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Tuesday, July 7

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11:00 PM Check into hotel– **Hilton Saigon**
11 Công trường Mê Linh, Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

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Location: Tuuan Chau International Marina, Block 24, Tuuan Chau Island, Hạ Long City, Quảng Ninh, Vietnam

The delegation will travel to Ha Long Bay, passing industrial plants, shipping ports, and agricultural areas that showcase the region's diverse economic activity. While on the water, discussions led by tour guide Joseph Truong will focus on the intersection of tourism, environmental preservation, and maritime commerce, and how this UNESCO World Heritage site balances economic growth with sustainable resource management.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Departure by chartered vessel from the Ha Long Bay pier. Onboard briefing covering the bay's strategic and commercial significance, including its role as a key corridor for Vietnam's maritime trade and its proximity to Quang Ninh Province, Vietnam's primary coal-producing region and a major hub for export-driven economic activity.

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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Transit to and visit of Cua Van Floating Village, one of the bay's oldest fishing communities, with discussion of coastal livelihoods, the local aquaculture economy, and the tension between industrial expansion and traditional maritime communities in Quang Ninh Province.

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1:15 - 2:15 PM

Break for lunch

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Meeting with Central Commission for Policy and Strategy Vice Chairman Nguyen Duc Trung
Location: 105B Quán Thánh Street, Quán Thánh Ward, Ba Đình District, Hanoi, Vietnam

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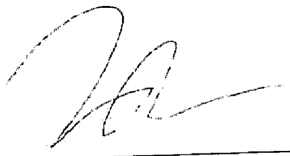
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Sponsor: The Third Way Foundation (PPI is a project of the Third Way

Lindsay Lewis
(printed name of sponsor representative)

CEO
(title)



(signature of sponsor representative)

6/4/26
(date)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
07/11/2026	$25.00	$25.00	$50.00	$0.00	**$100.00**	Hanoi		Vietnam	No
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Expense Type	Amount	Notes
There are no miscellaneous expenses.		

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

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Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
07/06/2026 @ 01:30 PM

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07/14/2026 @ 11:15 AM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $6,243.33 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Business	$6,068.33
Note round trip		
Ground Transportation	N/A	$100.00
Note Shuttle buses to/from meetings and airports		
Other	N/A	$75.00
Note Water transportation for 7/11		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,010.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
07/07/2026	07/09/2026	Hilton Saigon	Ho Chi Minh City		Vietnam	2	$175.00	No
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

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Invitees

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The list of invitees is below.

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.

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Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This is a weeklong bipartisan staff delegation to Vietnam, July 6–12, 2026, with stops in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi for senior U.S. House of Representatives staff. The program centers on the U.S.–Vietnam economic and commercial relationship, with an emphasis on trade policy, supply chain resilience, technology, and energy. Delegates will meet with U.S. and Vietnamese government officials, business chambers, and companies operating in Vietnam, alongside site visits that provide historical and economic context for the bilateral relationship.

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

This delegation advances the Progressive Policy Institute's mission of generating radically pragmatic ideas for governing and championing the economic prospects of ordinary working people. Because PPI advocates for economic policies that are pro-worker, pro-business, and pro-innovation, the U.S.–Vietnam relationship—and the trade, supply chain, technology, and energy questions it raises—sits squarely within its agenda. By giving senior congressional staff firsthand exposure to Vietnam's government, business community, and fast-growing industrial sectors, the trip equips policymakers' advisers to craft sound economic and trade policy while reinforcing PPI's commitment to resolute U.S. global leadership in the Indo-Pacific.

History of Congressional Travel

The Progressive Policy Institute has sponsored several Congressional staff and member delegations since its founding in 1989. These educational trips have focused on a wide variety of policy areas and they aim to explore how issues moving on Capitol Hill have an impact on the real world. PPI last sponsored Senate travel in April 2026.

Educational Activities

As a non profit 501(c)(3), think-tank the nature of PPI's work is educational. We release dozens of reports, research, and policy analysis work annually. PPI also hosts public forums, congressional briefings, webinars, roundtables, and other events around issue education.

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.*

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Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
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Comments

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Progressive Policy Institute: July 2026 - PPI StaffDel to Vietnam

FOREST WADE

Title:
Director of Scheduling

Employing Office/Committee:
DUCKWORTH, TAMMY

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Hanoi, Vietnam

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

Will meet with government officials and business leaders

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Progressive Policy Institute

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address 2 (Optional)
SUITE 300

Phone Number
(347) 949-2741

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

○ Yes ● No

Address
1919 M ST NW

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

Organization URL

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:
Forest Landy Wade

Employing Office/Committee:
Sen. Duckworth

Private Sponsor(s):
Progressive Policy Institute

Destination(s):
Hanoi & Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Travel Dates:
July 6th - July 12th

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.

Will have very high-level meetings and for you to experience the history of how Vietnam approaches public policy in the region and globally. This trip will offer you a unique opportunity to learn about a different culture that increasingly matters to U.S. interests in the region.

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.

5/20/26
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 TAMMY DUCKWORTH hereby authorize FOREST LANDY WADE
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (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)

5/20/26
Date

Tammy Duckworth
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer