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):
Council on Foreign Relations

Travel Dates:
09/25/2026 to 09/25/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$610.00	$0.00	$78.47	$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.

10/01/2026
Date

ELNIGAR ILTEBIR
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.

10/01/2026
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
Transportation	$610.00	The rail and bus expenses were slightly more than originally anticipated.
Meals	$78.47	Catering and snacks were slightly more expensive than originally anticipated.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

● Yes ○ No

Explanation: The agenda adjusted slightly to reflect availability of our experts. Updated agenda below: 6:45 a.m. Depart Union Station (Acela 2152) 9:50 a.m. Arrive at New York Moynihan Train Hall 10:30 a.m. Transportation to Council on Foreign Relations New York Headquarters (58 East 68th Street, New York) 11:00 a.m. Arrive at Council on Foreign Relations 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Coffee Reception 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Discussion with Adam Segal, Ira A. Lipman Chair in Emerging Technologies and National Security and Director of the Digital and Cyberspace Policy Program, Council on Foreign Relations Participants will discuss the global competition for emerging technology and the future of U.S. artificial intelligence. 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Discussion with Vijay V. Vaitheeswaran, Philip D. Reed Senior Fellow and Director of the Energy Security and Climate Change Program, Council on Foreign Relations Participants will discuss U.S. energy policy and innovation strategies to meet global energy demands. 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Discussion with Michelle Gavin, Ralph Bunche Senior Fellow for Africa Policy Studies, Council on Foreign Relations Participants will discuss developments across Africa including U.S. diplomatic, security, and trade relations across the continent. 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Discussion with Benn Steil, Senior Fellow and Director of International Economics, Council on Foreign Relations Participants will discuss U.S. trade and tariff policy, U.S. economic security, and the future of the global economy. 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Discussion with David Sacks, Fellow for Asia Studies, Council on Foreign Relations Participants will discuss U.S.-China relations, escalating cross-strait tension, and Indo-Pacific security. 5:00 p.m. Meeting Concludes; Depart CFR for New York Moynihan Train Hall 6:05 p.m. Depart New York Moynihan Train Hall (Acela 2127) 9:10 p.m. Arrive in Washington, DC

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

○ Yes ● No

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

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July 16, 2026

Dr. Elnigar Iltebir, PhD
Professional Staff Member
U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
211 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Dr. Iltebir:

I write to invite you to participate in a day-long visit to the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) New York headquarters on Friday, September 25, as part of your ongoing participation in the CFR congressional foreign policy study group. This trip will provide you, and the other study group members, with an opportunity to engage with members of the council, and CFR fellows based in New York.

We will be departing from Union Station at 7:30 a.m. and returning later that evening. All costs associated with this program will be covered by CFR.

You are welcome to remain in New York at your own expense. Please note that you must notify the Ethics Committee if you plan to extend your stay.

The deadline for submitting these pre-travel authorization forms to Ethics is Tuesday, August 25.

Once you have submitted your forms, please inform me so that our travel agent can move forward on making arrangements.

We hope that you will take advantage of this unique opportunity. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 202.509.8410 or via email, jharrington@cfr.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jessica Harrington
Associate Vice President, Government Affairs
Council on Foreign Relations

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Washington, DC 20006

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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:
Elnigar Iltebir

Employing Office/Committee:
INTELLIGENCE NON

Private Sponsor(s):
Council on Foreign Relations

Destination(s):
New York

Travel Dates:
09/25/2026 to 09/26/2026
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 is the culmination of my six-month long participation in the CFR congressional foreign policy study group. As a professional staff member covering the Indo-Pacific region and economic security issues for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I will benefit from the group discussions on these issues and interactions with the experts in CFR's New York office.

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.

07/29/2026
Date

I Elnigar
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, Chairman Cotton
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize ELNIGAR ILTEBIR
(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)

7/29/2026
Date

Tom Cotton
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Council on Foreign Relations: Council on Foreign Relations 2026 Trip to New York

ELNIGAR ILTEBIR

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
INTELLIGENCE NON

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

New York

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Council on Foreign Relations

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

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

Address
1777 F Street NW

Address 2 (Optional)

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20006 United States

Phone Number
(202) 509-8410

Organization URL
www.cfr.org

History of Congressional Travel

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) has hosted seven similar trips to New York on September 25, 2015; September 19, 2016; September 15, 2017; September 21, 2018; September 27, 2019; September 27, 2024; and September 26, 2025.

Educational Activities

The Council on Foreign Relations is an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher dedicated to being a resource for its members, government officials, business executives, journalists, educators and students, civic and religious leaders, and other interested citizens in order to help them better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other countries.

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.

To provide congressional staff members participating in CFR's Foreign Policy Study Group an opportunity to visit CFR's headquarters in New York and engage with experts in foreign policy, national security, geoeconomics, global health, energy policy, and other similar issues.

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

To provide congressional staff members participating in CFR's Foreign Policy Study Group an opportunity to visit CFR's headquarters in New York and engage with experts in foreign policy, national security, geoeconomics, global health, energy policy, and other similar issues. This aligns with CFR's mission of informing engagement with the world.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

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

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

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

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

- [x] The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

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

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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:
09/25/2026 @ 07:30 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
09/25/2026 @ 09:00 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: $550.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Ground Transportation	N/A	$100.00
Note Shuttle Bus		
Train	Business	$450.00

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem

There are no lodging expenses.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $50.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
09/25/2026	$0.00	$50.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$50.00**	New York	New York	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

There are no miscellaneous expenses.

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Council on Foreign Relations 2026 Trip to New York

Travel Date(s): September 25, 2026

Travel Destination(s): New York, New York

Sponsor: Council on Foreign Relations

Jessica Harrington — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Associate Vice President — *(title)*

Jessica Harrington Digitally signed by Jessica Harrington Date: 2026.07.15 11:03:39 -04'00' — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

7/15/26 — *(date)*

U.S. Senate Participants

Joseph Biegun
U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

Charlie Craner
Office of Senator Daniel Sullivan

Elnigar Iltebir
U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

Erin Jarnagin
Office of Senator John Kennedy

Abigail M. Kane
Office of Senator Jeanne Shaheen

Eliza Ramirez
Office of Senator Ruben Gallego

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Congressional Foreign Policy Study Group New York Program

Friday, September 25, 2026

7:30 a.m. Depart Union Station (Acela 2104)

10:30 a.m. Arrive at New York Moynihan Train Hall

10:45 a.m. Transportation to Council on Foreign Relations New York Headquarters (58 East 68th Street, New York)

11:30 a.m. Arrive at Council on Foreign Relations

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Coffee Reception

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
Discussion with Daniel Kurtz-Phelan, *Editor, Foreign Affairs, Peter G. Peterson Chair*
Participants will discuss great power competition and the future of the international system.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Discussion with Vijay Vaitheeswaran, *Philip D. Reed Senior Fellow and Director of the Energy Security and Climate Change Program, Council on Foreign Relations*
Participants will discuss U.S. energy policy and innovation strategies to meet global energy demands.

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