RE-3 Senators and Officers Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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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):
The Aspen Institute, Inc.

Travel Dates:
08/23/2026 to 08/28/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Susan Curtis

Relationship to Traveler:
Spouse

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$5,433.80	$1,153.00	$994.00	$790.00

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

- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

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.

I have made a determination that the travel described above was in connection with my duties as an officeholder, and did not create the appearance that I was using public office for private gain.

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09/14/2026
Date

JOHN CURTIS
Printed Name of Traveler

Signature of Traveler

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

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

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The Honorable John Curtis

U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515-0306

Dear Senator Curtis,

I would like to invite you and Sue to our bipartisan, bicameral congressional conference on ***Powering America: Affordability and Reliability in a New Energy Era*** **in Seward and Utqiagvik (Barrow), Alaska, August 23-28, 2026**, including travel dates. Please get back to us with interest to attend the conference **by COB Thursday, June 18, 2026**. These conference spots fill up quickly due to heavy interest, so we may have to move you to a waitlist if we don't hear back in time. This invitation does not guarantee your participation in the conference.

Through roundtable sessions, site visits, and a visit to the North Slope in the Arctic, Members of Congress will discuss a range of pressing topics: the forces driving electricity costs higher and strategies to address them for households and businesses; the infrastructure investments and regulatory reforms required to ensure grid reliability amid severe weather and rapid demand growth; the evolving role of natural gas and LNG in domestic affordability and global energy security; how federal and state policymakers can better coordinate to accelerate energy infrastructure deployment; and the particular challenges facing rural, remote, and Arctic communities where affordability and reliability carry direct consequences for daily life. Members will also learn how energy challenges manifest uniquely in Alaska, a state whose economy and communities are deeply intertwined with energy production and consumption,

Conference attendance is by invitation only. No outside observers, no lobbyists, no congressional staff, and no media are allowed to participate. All conference sessions are off-the-record. No foreign governments are accepted to fund the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. As required by the Senate and House ethics rules, we will provide congressional participants with completed and signed ethics private sponsor forms.

Travel expenses, including business class airfare, meals, and lodging will be paid for by the Aspen Institute; no expenses for entertainment or recreation are paid for in compliance with ethics rules.

The Congressional Program is part of the Aspen Institute, Inc. a nonprofit organization founded in 1949. The Congressional Program was created to promote leadership on public policy by bringing legislators together from both political parties with internationally renowned scholars for high level discussions and analysis. Since our program's inception, more than 639 members of Congress have participated in our 167 domestic and international conferences.

We hope you can join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

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Charlie Dent

Charles W. Dent
Former Member, U.S. Congress (PA-15th, 2005-2018)
Vice President and Executive Director
Aspen Institute Congressional Program
2300 N Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20037
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The Aspen Institute, Inc.: Powering America: Affordability and Reliability in a New Energy Era

JOHN CURTIS

Title:
Senator

Employing Office/Committee:
CURTIS, JOHN

Duty Station:
PROVO,UT

Destination(s):

Seward, Alaska
Utqiagvik, Alaska

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

Not applicable for Senators and Officers.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Susan Curtis

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
Spouse

Organization Information

Organization Name
The Aspen Institute, Inc.

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address 2 (Optional)

Phone Number
425 516 8003

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

○ Yes ◉ No

Address
2300 N Street, NW

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20037 United States

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

Aspen Institute Congressional Program (AICP) has conducted international and domestic conferences for members of Congress for over 41 years. On occasion, other policy programs of The Aspen Institute, Inc., sponsor conferences that involve members of Congress.

Educational Activities

The Aspen Institute, Inc. holds numerous educational activities including conferences, roundtable briefings, and other nonpartisan forums on critical issues facing the U.S. and the world. AICP, specifically, offers nonpartisan education events for members of Congress or senior Congressional staff members, with each event offering a leading scholar on a key domestic or international issue.

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

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Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

Rising electricity costs, aging infrastructure, and growing demand have made affordable, reliable energy a central national policy challenge. This conference will examine the policies, market reforms, and investments needed to meet demand driven by reindustrialization, AI, data centers, and economy-wide electrification. Held in Alaska, the conference will feature Aspen Institute roundtables and a North Slope visit, providing an off-the-record forum to discuss rising electricity costs, grid reliability, the roles of natural gas, oil, and LNG, federal-state coordination on energy infrastructure, and the Arctic's growing importance to energy security and geopolitics. Through discussions and site visits, members will see how energy challenges vary across the country and how Alaska's unique role in energy production, Arctic geography, and allied security offers insights with national significance.

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

Consistent with the Aspen Institute Congressional Program's mission, the conference will provide Members of Congress with a bipartisan, off-the-record forum to engage leading experts, exchange perspectives across party lines, and develop a deeper understanding of the energy challenges shaping the nation's economic competitiveness and security.

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

○ 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:
08/23/2026 @ 07:45 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
08/27/2026 @ 08:15 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: $2,716.90 | Accompanying Family Member: $2716.90)

Traveler Type	Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Member/Officer/Employee	Airfare	Coach	$765.90
Note One way flight from Salt Lake City, UT to Anchorage.			
Member/Officer/Employee	Airfare	Coach	$491.00
Note Roundtrip commercial flight from Anchorage to Utqiagvik, Alaska			
Member/Officer/Employee	Ground Transportation	N/A	$1,460.00
Accompanying Family Member	Airfare	Coach	$765.90
Note One way flight from Salt Lake City, UT to Anchorage.			
Accompanying Family Member	Airfare	Coach	$491.00
Note Roundtrip commercial flight from Anchorage to Utqiagvik, Alaska			
Accompanying Family Member	Ground Transportation	N/A	$1,460.00

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,153.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Traveler Type	Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
Member/Officer/Employee	08/23/2026	08/26/2026	Windsong Lodge	Seward	Alaska	United States	3	$284.00	No
Member/Officer/Employee	08/26/2026	08/27/2026	Top of the World Hotel	Utqiagvik	Alaska	United States	1	$301.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $497.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $497.00)

Traveler Type	Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
Member/Officer/Employee	08/23/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$62.00	$0.00	**$62.00**	Seward	Alaska	United States	No
Accompanying Family Member	08/23/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$62.00	$0.00	**$62.00**	Seward	Alaska	United States	No
Member/Officer/Employee	08/24/2026	$28.00	$36.00	$85.00	$0.00	**$149.00**	Seward	Alaska	United States	No
Accompanying Family Member	08/24/2026	$28.00	$36.00	$85.00	$0.00	**$149.00**	Seward	Alaska	United States	No
Member/Officer/Employee	08/25/2026	$28.00	$36.00	$85.00	$0.00	**$149.00**	Seward	Alaska	United States	No
Accompanying Family Member	08/25/2026	$28.00	$36.00	$85.00	$0.00	**$149.00**	Seward	Alaska	United States	No
Member/Officer/Employee	08/26/2026	$28.00	$23.00	$39.00	$0.00	**$90.00**	Utqiagvik	Alaska	United States	No
Accompanying Family Member	08/26/2026	$28.00	$23.00	$39.00	$0.00	**$90.00**	Utqiagvik	Alaska	United States	No
Member/Officer/Employee	08/27/2026	$24.00	$23.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$47.00**	Utqagvik	Alaska	United States	No
Accompanying Family Member	08/27/2026	$24.00	$23.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$47.00**	Utqiagvik	Alaska	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $395.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $395.00)

Traveler Type	Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Member/Officer/Employee	Conference Fees	$229.00	For the additional rooms at Windsong Lodge/Top of the World Hotel for conference rooms.
Accompanying Family Member	Conference Fees	$229.00	For the additional rooms at Windsong Lodge/Top of the World Hotel for conference rooms.
Member/Officer/Employee	Other (AV Equipment)	$91.00	
Accompanying Family Member	Other (AV Equipment)	$91.00	
Member/Officer/Employee	Other (Park Entrance Fee)	$75.00	
Accompanying Family Member	Other (Park Entrance Fee)	$75.00	

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: Powering America: Affordability and Reliability in a New Energy Era

Travel Date(s): August 23-27, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Seward, Alaska and Utqiagvik, Alaska

Sponsor: Aspen Institute Congressional Program (AICP)

Charlie Dent — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

VP of Aspen Congressional Program — *(title)*

Charlie Dent — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

7/17/2026 — *(date)*

Senator Alsobrooks - Committee on Environment and Public Works
Senator Baldwin - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Banks - Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Senator Barrasso - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Bennet - Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Senator Blackburn - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator Blumenthal - Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Senator Blunt Rochester - Committee on Environment and Public Works
Senator Booker - Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Senator Boozman - Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Senator Britt - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Budd - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator Cantwell - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator Capito - Committee on Environment and Public Works
Senator Cassidy - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Collins - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Cornyn - Committee on Finance
Senator Cortez Masto - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Cotton - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Cramer - Committee on Environment and Public Works
Senator Crapo - Committee on Finance
Senator Curtis - Committee on Environment and Public Works
Senator Duckworth - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator Fischer - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator Gallego - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Gillibrand - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Grassley - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Hagerty - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Hassan - Committee on Finance
Senator Hawley - Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Senator Hickenlooper - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Hirono - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Hoeven - Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Senator Husted - Committee on Environment and Public Works
Senator Hyde-Smith - Committee on Energy and Natural Resource
Senator Johnson - Committee on Finance
Senator Justice - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Senator Kaine - Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Senator Kelly - Committee on Environment and Public Works
Senator Kennedy - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Kim - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator King - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Lankford - Committee on Finance
Senator Lee - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Lujan - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator Markey - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator Marshall - Committee on Finance
Senator McCormick - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Merkley - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Moody - Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Senator Moran - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Moreno - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator Murphy - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Murray - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Ossoff - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Padilla - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Reed - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Ricketts - Committee on Environment and Public Works
Senator Risch - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senator Rosen - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator Rounds - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Schatz - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Schiff - Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Senator Schmitt - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator Schumer - Committee on Rules and Administration
Senator Scott - Committee on Foreign Relations
Senator Scott - Committee on Finance
Senator Sheehy - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Slotkin - Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Senator Thune - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senator Van Hollen - Committee on Appropriations
Senator Warner - Committee on Finance
Senator Warnock - Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Senator Whitehouse - Committee on Environment and Public Works
Senator Wicker - Committee on Environment and Public Works

Senator Wyden - Committee on Finance
Senator Young - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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Powering America:
Affordability and Reliability in a New Energy Era

Seward and Utqiagvik, Alaska | August 23-27, 2026

AGENDA

SUNDAY, August 23
U.S. participants arrive in Anchorage, AK throughout the day.

Senator Curtis departs Salt Lake City, Utah at 7:45 AM and arrives in Seattle, Washington at 8:57 AM. Senator Curtis departs Seattle, Washington at 10:45 AM and arrives in Anchorage, Alaska at 1:27 PM

1:30-3:30 PM: Travel from Anchorage to Seward (Approx. Two Hour Drive)

6 – 7:30 PM: Pre-Dinner Remarks
Indigenous Life and Leadership in Alaska

Alaska Native peoples have inhabited this land for thousands of years and today play a central role in the state's economy, governance, and decisions about land and resources. This conversation will introduce Members to the perspectives and priorities of Alaska Native leadership, including the role of Alaska Native corporations, tribal governance, subsistence traditions, and the partnerships between indigenous communities and federal, state, and private actors in shaping Alaska's future.

Speaker: Willie Hensley, *former AK State Legislator*

7:30 – 9 PM: Working Dinner
Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily.

MONDAY, August 24

Overnight at Windsong Lodge - Seward

8 – 8:45 AM: Breakfast

9 – 9:15 AM: Introduction and Framework of the Conference
This conference is organized into roundtable conversations, working lunches, site visits, pre-dinner remarks and working dinners. This segment will highlight how the conference will be conducted, how those with questions will be recognized and how responses will be timed to allow for as much engagement as possible.

Speaker:
Charlie Dent, *Executive Director and Vice President, Aspen Institute Congressional Program*

9:15 – 10:45 AM: Roundtable Discussion
The Rising Stakes — Demand, Competition, and the New Energy Build-Out

For the first time in decades, U.S. electricity demand is growing — and growing fast. Data centers, manufacturing reshoring, federal incentives for domestic production, and the electrification of transport and buildings are converging to create load growth that the system was not planned for. But this is not just an infrastructure challenge. The countries that can deliver abundant, affordable, reliable power will attract the industries that define the next economic era — AI, advanced manufacturing, semiconductors. The question of who becomes an "electrostate" is as consequential as the question of who controlled oil in the 20th century, and the United States faces serious competition from China on multiple fronts: grid buildout speed, clean energy manufacturing, critical mineral supply chains, and the willingness to deploy industrial policy at scale.
This session lays out what is at stake — the scale and geography of new demand, the competitive landscape, and the gap between what the U.S. energy system is being asked to do and what it can currently deliver.

Speakers:
Amos Hochstein, *Former United States Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources & Managing Partner, TWG Global*
Sec. Ernest Moniz, *Former US Secretary of Energy,Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Energy Futures Initiative*
Gretchen Watkins, *former President, Shell USA*

10:45 – 11 AM: Break

11 AM – 12:30 PM: Roundtable Discussion
Future of U.S. Energy Security: Natural Gas, Oil, LNG, and Emerging Technologies

Natural gas remains central to the U.S. energy system, providing affordable baseload electricity at home and serving as a significant export commodity abroad. Oil continues to play a defining role in the American economy and in global markets. Speakers will address the future of domestic production and infrastructure, the role of LNG in global markets and geopolitical strategy, and the policy considerations surrounding continued development of domestic supply.

Speakers:
Jason Bordoff, *Founding Director, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University*
Bob McNally, *Founder & President, Rapidan Energy*

12:30 – 1:15 PM: Working Lunch
Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on U.S. Energy Security.

2 – 3:30 PM: Exit Glacier Tour
As one of the most accessible glaciers in Alaska, Exit Glacier has been retreating over the past century due to rising global temperatures. Along the trail, signs mark where the glacier was located in previous years, making it easy to observe how much it has changed over time. This helps visitors understand the long-term impact of environmental changes on glaciers and ecosystems.

4:45 – 5:40 PM: Pre-Dinner Remarks
Natural Resources in Alaska

Alaska's identity, economy, and place in the national energy conversation are inseparable from the scale of its natural resources. This conversation will introduce Members to Alaska's energy and mineral landscape — oil, natural gas, hydropower, timber, fisheries, and critical minerals — and the role these resources have played, and continue to play, in the life of the state and in broader American energy and economic security.

Speakers:

Dr. Gwen Holdmann, *Chief Scientist, ACEP*
Melissa Roberts, *Executive Director, American Flood Coalition*

6 – 7:45 PM: Working Dinner
Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on energy and natural resources.

TUESDAY, August 25

Overnight at Windsong Lodge

8 – 8:45 AM: Breakfast

9 – 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion
The Grid of the Future — Modernization, Interconnection, and Permitting Reform
The U.S. power system is being asked to absorb unprecedented demand growth at the very moment it confronts aging infrastructure, severe weather, and a shifting generation mix. Meeting this moment requires action on multiple fronts simultaneously: modernizing the grid with advanced technologies, clearing the interconnection queue that has become a bottleneck for new generation, reforming transmission planning and siting to enable interregional buildout, and overhauling permitting processes that add years to project timelines. This session addresses the investments, technologies, and regulatory reforms needed to build the grid the country needs — covering grid-enhancing technologies, interconnection and queue reform, transmission siting, natural gas pipeline permitting, and the federal-state dynamic in energy infrastructure governance.

Speakers:
Doug Arent, *Global Fellow, Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy*
Rob Gramlich, *President, Grid Strategies*
Vilas Dhar, *President, McGovern Foundation*

11 – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 – 1 PM: Roundtable Discussion
The Decline of Globalization & The Rise of Security in Supply Chains

The United States is an energy superpower in production but faces serious vulnerabilities in the supply chains that underpin its energy system — critical minerals, battery manufacturing, solar components, enriched uranium, and the industrial inputs required for grid buildout. China dominates many of these supply chains, and the question of how to reduce that dependence has become one of the most consequential policy debates in Washington. This session examines the supply chain landscape, the competitive dynamics with China, and the industrial policy toolkit: why, where, and how should the United States use targeted intervention to bolster certain supply chains over others? Discussion will consider what has worked (CHIPS Act), what has struggled (battery supply chains), the FORGE framework for allied mineral coordination, and the tradeoffs between speed, cost, and strategic autonomy.

Speakers:
Sec. Dave Turk, *Former US Deputy Secretary of Energy*
Robin Millican, *Director of Research Programs and Strategic Partnerships, Columbia University*

1 – 2 PM: Working Lunch
Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on globalization and supply chains.

2 – 4 PM: Discussions with Scholars
Scholars will meet with members of Congress for in-depth discussion of ideas raised in the morning sessions, including Doug Arent, Vilas Dhar, Rob Gramlich, Robin Millican, and Dave Turk.

4 – 5 PM: Pre-Dinner Remarks
The Economics of Energy — Affordability, Cost Allocation, and Who Pays

Americans are paying more for electricity, and the pressures behind those increases are multiplying — aging infrastructure, tight supply chains, higher capacity prices, and the challenge of allocating costs when a hyperscaler or chip fab lands in a utility's territory. This fireside examines the federal and state policy tools that can keep energy affordable for households and businesses: rate design, cost allocation for new interconnection, utility incentive structures that may favor capital investment over grid optimization, tax policy, and demand flexibility. The conversation will also drill into Alaska's specific affordability challenges — the cost of serving remote communities and the fiscal tradeoffs that come with energy-dependent public finances.

Speakers:
Alex Flint, *Executive Officer, Alliance for Market Solutions*

Clay Koplin, *Chief Executive Officer,Cordova Electric Cooperative*

5 – 9 PM: Working Dinner
Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on energy affordability.

WEDNESDAY, August 26

Overnight at Windsong Lodge

8 – 9:30 AM: Breakfast

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM: Travel from Seward to Anchorage Airport

2:02 – 4 PM: Flight from Anchorage to Utqiagvik, Alaska

4:30 – 6 PM: Arctic Circle Site Visit
Tundra Tour with Voice of Inupiat
Visitors can see evidence of thawing permafrost, changes in vegetation, altered drainage patterns, and coastal erosion. These observations help explain how rising temperatures affect Arctic ecosystems and contribute to global environmental changes. Tour led by a local nonprofit, Voice of Inupiat, that aims to show visitors the challenges/daily life of living in Utqiagvik.

7 – 9 PM: Working Dinner
Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on Arctic security.

THURSDAY, August 27

Overnight at Top of the World Hotel

7:30 – 8:30AM: Breakfast

9 – 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion
The Arctic: Energy, Climate, and Geopolitics

The Arctic is rising in strategic importance. Retreating ice is opening new shipping routes and access to energy and mineral resources, drawing sustained attention from the United States, its allies, and its competitors. This session examines how energy policy, environmental change, and national security intersect in the Arctic, including the roles of the United States, Russia, China, and Arctic allies; the implications for energy infrastructure and resource development; and the opportunities for American leadership in a region whose importance to global affairs continues to grow.

Speakers:

Amb. Mike Sfraga (ret.), Ph.D., *University of Alaska Fairbanks*
Heather A. Conley, *Nonresident Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute*

11 – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM: Roundtable Discussion
Policy Reflections for Members of Congress

This time is set aside for members of Congress to reflect on what they have learned during the conference and discuss their views on implications for U.S. policy. Drawing on the full range of conversations throughout the week, members will seek to identify for each other the most promising takeaways for the United States policy process, with a special focus on opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. This is a members-only conversation.

12:45 – 1:15 PM: Working Lunch
Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on Arctic policy.

1:30 – 3:30 PM: Educational Site Visits on Native Communities in Utqiagvik

Visiting community facilities and local energy infrastructure for participants to learn how energy is generated, delivered, and used in a community where fuel must often be transported over long distances. This highlights the high cost of energy in remote Arctic communities and the importance of energy efficiency in reducing household expenses and improving quality of life.

4:52 – 6:47: Flight from Utqiagvik to Anchorage, Alaska