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):
Hoover Institution DC

Travel Dates:
08/23/2026 to 08/26/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$820.73	$576.00	$159.00	$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.

09-23-2026
Date

ABIGAIL ZARZAR
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.

09/23/2026
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	$820.73	Final, total transportation costs incurred.
Meals	$159.00	Final, total meal costs incurred.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

● Yes ○ No

Explanation: Final program agenda reflects an itinerary and schedule change due to a delayed arrival flight caused by unforeseen mechanical issues. The program start time was moved to 10:15 AM on Monday, August 24. Secretary Condoleezza Rice's session was moved to 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM, and Dr. Abbas Milani's session was moved to 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Total hours of programming were unaffected.

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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Lauren Wright
Senior Manager, Government Relations

June 24, 2026

Dear Abigail Zarzar,

I'm pleased to inform you that you have been selected to participate in the August 24-25, 2026, Hoover Institution Grady Family Congressional Fellowship Program. This program includes seminars on Stanford University's campus where Hoover scholars will lead policy sessions on some of the most pressing issues of today.

As a participant, and with proper signoff from your ethics committee, you will receive round-trip airfare, ground transportation in California, lodging near Stanford's campus, and meals that are part of the program.

To proceed, please confirm your agreement to attend by completing this form by the close of business on Friday, July 3, 2026. It is imperative that you complete this form on time so that we can complete the requisite ethics paperwork. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of your spot.

On the registration form you will also find additional information regarding accommodations, airfare, agenda, attire, ground transportation, and trip extensions. A full briefing packet will be sent closer to the program dates.

We will send you the details on how to book your flights after you complete the registration form. Once your flight is secured, we will provide the remainder of your ethics paperwork, which must be submitted **to your ethics committee by Friday, July 24, 2026**.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Grace Campiti (gcampiti@stanford.edu). We look forward to and expect an excellent program!

Sincerely,

Lauren Wright
Senior Manager, Government Relations
Hoover Institution, Stanford University

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:
Abigail Maryam Zarzar

Employing Office/Committee:
Senator Ted Budd

Private Sponsor(s):
Hoover Institution at Standford University

Destination(s):
Palo Alto, California

Travel Dates:

08/23/2026 to 08/26/2026

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.

I advise the Senator on foreign policy issues that are expected to be subjects that will be discussed during this trip.

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.

08/12/26
Date

Abigail Zarzar
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 [redacted] TED BUDD hereby authorize Abigail Maryam Zarzar
(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)

Date 8/13/26

Ted Budd
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Hoover Institution DC: August 2026 Hoover Institution Grady Family Congressional Fellowship Program

ABIGAIL ZARZAR

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
BUDD, TED

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Palo Alto, California

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

None

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Hoover Institution DC

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

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 500

Phone Number
2029638406

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

(●) Yes ( ) No

Address
1399 New York Ave NW

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20005 United States

Organization URL
www.hoover.org

History of Congressional Travel

This will be the 19th iteration of the Hoover Institution Congressional Fellowship Program for congressional staff organized by the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. The most recent trip was the March 2026 Hoover Institution Grady Family Congressional Fellowship Program.

Educational Activities

The Hoover Institution, Stanford University, regularly sponsors educational policy panels and roundtables for think tank scholars, journalists, congressional staff, government officials, academics, and the public. Our organization also hosts programs and events based on its research for Stanford students and the public to attend.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more 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.

An intensive program for congressional staff which consists of two full days of seminars and presentations by Hoover fellows at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. The Hoover Institution, Stanford University solely planned all aspects of the trip including topics discussed, travel/accommodation logistics, and required paperwork. Hoover Institution staff will accompany congressional staff throughout all programming and manage logistics for the duration of the trip.

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

Stanford University is an institution of higher education which seeks to advance knowledge, stimulate creativity, and solve real-world problems. As part of the university, the Hoover Institution seeks to improve the human condition by advancing ideas and prosperity while securing and safeguarding peace through world renowned scholars, libraries, and archives. This program relates to both missions by sharing Hoover Institution research with Congress and its staff to contribute to society.

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.

- [ ] 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:
08/23/2026 @ 05:45 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
08/26/2026 @ 04:43 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: $1,250.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$1,000.00
Note Round-trip airfare from DCA to SFO		
Ground Transportation	N/A	$250.00
Note Participants will be reimbursed for Uber rides between SFO and Sheraton Hotel upon arrival. A chartered group shuttle will be provided for transportation between Sheraton Hotel and Hoover throughout the duration of the program, as well as between the Sheraton Hotel and SFO for the return flight.		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $576.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/23/2026	08/26/2026	Sheraton Palo Alto	Palo Alto	California	United States	3	$192.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $184.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/24/2026	$23.00	$26.00	$38.00	$5.00	**$92.00**	Palo Alto	California	United States	No
08/25/2026	$23.00	$26.00	$38.00	$5.00	**$92.00**	Palo Alto	California	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: August 2026 Hoover Institution Grady Family Congressional Fellowship Program

Travel Date(s): August 23, 2026 - August 26, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Stanford University, Stanford, California

Sponsor: Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Eryn Witcher Tillman
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Director of Media and Government Relations
(title)

Digitally signed by Eryn Witcher Tillman
Date: 2026.06.01 11:12:01 -04'00'
(signature of sponsor representative)

06/01/2026
(date)

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Ken Acuña	**Professional Staff Member** Senate Committee on the Budget (Majority)
Ilona Bodnar	**Technical Policy Advisor** Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Minority)
Shelby Boxenbaum	**Chief Counsel** Office of Senator Ben Ray Luján (D-NM)
Aria Campos	**Legislative Assistant** Office of Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM)
Jon Cardinal	**Director of Economic Development** Office of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
Derek Fisher	**Senior Advisor, Emerging Technology and National Security** Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Majority)
Trevor Hustus	**Legislative Assistant** Office of Senator Jim Banks (R-IN)
Samuel Llewellyn	**Professional Staff Member** Senate Finance Committee (Majority)
Joy Russell	**Senior Advisor** Office of Senator Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD)
Madison Sparber	**Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant** Office of Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)
Trevor Tackett	**National Security Advisor** Senate Republican Policy Committee
Matthew Thomas	**Counsel and Parliamentarian** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (Majority)

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Wei Li Werner	**Legislative Assistant** Office of Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)
Ethan Yang	**Counsel** Office of Senator John Kennedy (R-LA)
Abigail Zarzar	**Foreign Policy Advisor** Office of Senator Ted Budd (R-NC)

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Travel Day - All times listed in local time unless otherwise indicated.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026	
5:45 PM **8:42 PM**	**United Airlines 368 (DCA - SFO)** - Ken Acuña - Jon Cardinal - Trevor Hustus - Sam Llewellyn - Joy Russell - Trevor Tackett - Wei Li Werner - Ethan Yang - Abigail Zarzar

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026	
8:45 AM	**Shuttle departs Sheraton Hotel en route Hoover Institution**
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM **Annenberg Conference Room**	**Working Breakfast** Hoover Government Relations staff will welcome attendees, introduce Hoover's Media and Government Relations team, and share the schedule and other program logistics.
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM **Annenberg Conference Room**	**America in the World** Secretary Condoleezza Rice, Tad and Dianne Taube Director and Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy, will welcome participants to campus, discuss the Hoover Institution's priorities, share reflections on the state of U.S. foreign and domestic policy, and take questions from participants.
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM **Annenberg Conference Room**	**Hoover's Economic and Security Commons Initiative** Philip Zelikow, Botha-Chan Senior Fellow; Steven Davis, Thomas W. and Susan B. Ford Senior Fellow and Director of Research; and Stephanie Hall, Chief of Staff to Director Rice, will present an overview of the Hoover Economic and Security Commons, a new Hoover project that gathers fellows from across the Institution to envision the future of public policy.
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM **Hatfield Courtyard**	**Lunch**
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM **Annenberg Conference Room**	**A Window Into Modern Iran** Abbas Milani, Hoover Institution Research Fellow and Co-Director of the Iran Democracy Project, will examine the historical currents that have brought Iran to its present moment and unpack the developments now unfolding on the ground.
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	**Global Energy and Local Energy**

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Annenberg Conference Room	Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow Admiral James O. Ellis Jr. and Stephenson Policy Fellow David Fedor will lead a conversation on the current policy, security, and economic forces shaping global and local energy systems.
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	**U.S. Education Reform and Challenges Ahead**
Annenberg Conference Room	Margaret (Macke) Raymond, Distinguished Research Fellow, and Eric Hanushek, Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow in Education, will discuss their research on K-12 issues, including emerging policy challenges and the urgent need for policymakers to pursue reforms that are coherent, sustainable, and measurable across greater spans of time to provide all students with a quality education.
5:00 PM - 6:45 PM	**Reception and Dinner: Revitalizing American Institutions**
Fairweather Courtyard	Former member of congress and current Distinguished Visiting Fellow Daniel Lipinski will present an overview of the Hoover Institution's Center for Revitalizing American Institution's work on congressional reform, followed by a dinner discussion to explore strategies of solving partisan divide, reducing staff turnover, and improving congressional capacity.
6:45 PM	**Shuttle departs Hoover Institution en route Sheraton Hotel**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026	
7:45 AM	**Shuttle departs Sheraton Hotel en route Hoover Institution**
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	**Breakfast**
Annenberg Conference Room	
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	**Challenges for Global Stability**
Annenberg Conference Room	Michael McFaul, Peter and Helen Bing Senior Fellow, will examine the increasingly complex relationships between the U.S., Russia, and China, and discuss strategic approaches that secure U.S. interests and contribute to broader global security.
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	**Where Politics Meet Policy: Healthcare and the 2026 Midterms**
Annenberg Conference Room	Lanhee Chen, David and Diane Steffy Fellow in American Public Policy Studies, will examine the current state of the United States healthcare system, highlighting its strengths and weaknesses, and the policy trends likely to shape the healthcare landscape in the next Congress.
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	**AI and Geopolitics: Myths and Realities**
Annenberg Conference Room	Amy Zegart, Morris Arnold and Nona Jean Cox Senior Fellow, will discuss the rapidly evolving landscape of emerging technologies and their implications for national security, economic growth, and global leadership, cutting through common myths to examine the strategic realities of geopolitical competition. The presentation will also highlight Hoover's initiatives to navigate pressing technology policy challenges, including the

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	Technology Policy Accelerator and the Stanford Emerging Technology Review.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **Hatfield Courtyard**	**Lunch**
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM **The Shriram Center for Biotechnology**	**Lab Tour: Strategic Priorities in Biotechnology** Drew Endy, Science Fellow and Senior Fellow, will guide a visit to Stanford's Bioengineering Labs, highlighting his research on emerging biotechnologies and key policy considerations for the U.S. that encourage biotechnology competitiveness, develop robust bioeconomies, and ensure biosecurity.
3:45 PM - 5:15 PM **Annenberg Conference Room**	**Leadership** General Jim Mattis, Davies Family Distinguished Fellow, will discuss the role of leadership and the strategic dilemma that our nation faces.
5:15 PM - 6:30 PM **Hatfield Courtyard**	**Reception and Dinner**
6:30 PM	**Shuttle departs Hoover Institution en route Sheraton Hotel**

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026	
6:00 AM	**Shuttle departs Sheraton Hotel en route SFO**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026	
8:20 AM **4:43 PM**	**United Airlines 1678 (SFO - DCA)** - Ken Acuña - Jon Cardinal - Trevor Hustus - Sam Llewellyn - Joy Russell - Trevor Tackett - Wei Li Werner - Ethan Yang - Abigail Zarzar