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):
Conservative Partnership Institute

Travel Dates:
08/26/2026 to 08/29/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$78.50	$711.00	$238.00	$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.

09/30/2026
Date

Grace Carnathan
Printed Name of Traveler

Grace Carnathan
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.

9-30-26
Date

Ron Johnson
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
Misc. Expenses	$65.00	Estimate of $50 for taxi and local transportation changed to $65 due to varying prices

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

(●) Yes ( ) No

Explanation: Wednesday August 26: 3:30-5:00pm Tour and Discussion with Newsmax -Speaker: Moche Maryles, Newsmax Booking Producer & Newsmax Team - Changed due to availability of speaker 5:30-8:00pm Dinner with Digital Expert at Westin Grand Central Speaker: Steve Doocy, Fox News Host- Changed due to availability of speaker Thursday August 27: 9:30-11:00 Tour and Panel Discussion with Meta Speakers: Arpit Patel, Partner Manager, Government & Social Impact at Meta, and Josh Althouse, Public Policy Manager at Meta - Changed due to availability of speaker 11:30 - 12:30 Trends in Broadcast Coverage of Capitol Hill Speaker: Teddy Stephan, Fox News Booking Producer - Changed due to availability of speaker 12:30-2:00 Lunch and Presentation: Strategies on Communication Across the Political Divide at Westin Grand Central Hotel Speaker: Wesley Denton, COO, CPI- Changed due to availability of speaker 2:30-3:30 Broadcast Media Booking and Pitching Speaker: Jack Flanagan, Fox News Booking Producer - Changed due to availability of speaker 5:00-6:30 Broadcast Media Salon Dinner at Westin Grand Central Hotel -Speaker: Larry Kudlow, Fox Business Host- Changed due to availability of speaker Friday August 28: 9:30-11am Tour and Discussion with X -Speakers: Joey Rodriguez, Client Partner at X & X team- Changed due to availability of speaker 11:30-1:30 Speaker Trends in National and Regional Radio Media at Hotel -Speaker: Chad Lopez, President of Red Apple Media & Staff at WABC Radio- Changed due to availability of speaker 4:00-6:00pm Visit to the United Nations & Discussion on International Media -Speaker: J.P. Freire Chief of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs, UN Mission to the United Nations & team - Changed due to availability of speaker

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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2026 Veritas Fellowship NYC Media Trip Invite & Ethics Paperwork

HF

Hugh Fike <hfike@cpi.org> Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 12:28 PM

To: Carnathan, Grace (Ron Johnson)

Good Afternoon,

CPI invites you to attend the 2026 Veritas Fellowship NYC Media Trip from **Wednesday August 26 - Saturday August 29, 2026**, at in New York City, New York.

You will soon receive a link from the Senate Ethics Committee that will guide you through the process of submitting your ethics paperwork. The Senate Ethics Committee requires that you file all the paperwork at least 30 days in advance of the retreat start date; **you must submit your paperwork by Monday, July 27, 2026.**

Upon submitting your ethics paperwork **please email me confirming it's been completed** so I can mark you down as attending.

Please note that this invitation is non-transferable.

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

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.**

Date/Time Stamp
07/27/2026

Name of Traveler:
Grace Carnathan

Employing Office/Committee:
JOHNSON, RON

Private Sponsor(s):
Conservative Partnership Institute

Destination(s):
New York City, New York

Travel Dates:
08/26/2026 to 08/29/2026
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.

Meet and hear from media bookers, anchors, producers that will help me build connections to help book my boss on more shows and place more stories

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.

07/27/2026
Date

Grace H Carnathan
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 Sen Johnson
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Grace Carnathan
(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)

7/27/26
Date

Ron Johnson
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Conservative Partnership Institute: Conservative Partnership Institute 2026 Veritas Fellowship NYC Media Trip

Grace Carnathan

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
JOHNSON, RON

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

New York City, New York

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

Meet and hear from media bookers, anchors, producers that will help me build connections to help book my boss on more shows and place more stories

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Conservative Partnership Institute

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address 2 (Optional)

Phone Number
(202) 816-2353

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

○ Yes ◉ No

Address
300 Independence Ave SE

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

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

The Conservative Partnership Institute (CPI) regularly sponsors retreats for congressional staff outside DC. CPI recently sponsored travel for congressional staffers to the lodge in Cambridge, Maryland for their participation in the Magnus, Veritas, and Intrepidus Fellowship retreats in the spring of 2026. These trips provided congressional office staff with the opportunity to engage with and learn from seasoned leaders and professionals and to be informed on issues, policy, and skills related to their positions. Last year CPI sponsored a trip similar to this in NYC to educate staffers on media organizations and expose staffers to media personnel.

Educational Activities

The Conservative Partnership Institute's mission includes educating and training Members of Congress, congressional staff, conservative leaders, and activists to enhance their ability to articulate and advance conservative principles and to become more effective public servants and citizens. The trip offers the opportunity to educate about media operations, media strategy, and networking with communications professionals.

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.

Senate communications staff will travel to New York City to meet with writers, editors, producers, and hosts of news networks, as well as social media company staff, to learn how to more effectively develop and execute their Member's communications strategy.

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

The Conservative Partnership Institute's mission includes educating and training Members of Congress, congressional staff, conservative leaders and activists to enhance their ability to articulate and advance conservative principles and to become more effective public servants and citizens. The retreat offers an opportunity to educate and equip congressional and conservative communications staff with effective skills, develop professional relationships among other staff, and share best practices and strategies. CPI is the sole planner, sponsor, and organizer of this trip.

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:
08/26/2026 @ 10:05 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
08/29/2026 @ 07:45 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: $78.50 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Ground Transportation	Coach	$0.50
Note ride share		
Train	Coach	$78.00
Note One way		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $711.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/26/2026	08/29/2026	Westin NYC Grand Central	New York CIty	New York	United States	3	$237.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $238.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/26/2026	$0.00	$26.00	$38.00	$0.00	**$64.00**	New York City	New York	United States	No
08/27/2026	$23.00	$26.00	$38.00	$0.00	**$87.00**	New York City	New York	United States	No
08/28/2026	$23.00	$26.00	$38.00	$0.00	**$87.00**	New York City	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: Conservative Partnership Institue Veritas NYC Media Trip

Travel Date(s): 8/26/2026 - 8/29/2026

Travel Destination(s): New York City, NY

Sponsor: Conservative Partnership Institute

Ed Corrigan
(printed name of sponsor representative)

President and CEO
(title)

Ed Corrigan
(signature of sponsor representative)

7/22/2026
(date)

1. Grace Carnathan – Communications Director, Sen. Ron Johnson

Conservative Partnership Institute's (CPI's)
2026 Veritas Fellowship New York Media Trip
August 26 - 29, 2026

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

9:25-9:45 am	**Meet CPI Group at the back Amtrak section of Union Station**
9:45-10:05 am	**Group boards train together**
10:05 am	**Train 2108 departs Washington D.C.**
1:05 pm	**Arrive in New York City**
2:00-3:00 pm	**Drop off luggage at Hotel (Westin Grand Central, 212 East 42nd Street, New York City, NY, 10017)**
3:00 - 4:15 pm	**State of the Media - Veritas Discussion Groups** CPI staff gives a brief orientation of the NYC Media Trip. Fellows are then selected into groups of 3-4 to discuss the state of the media in 2026 and goals they have for the trip.
4:15 - 5:30 pm	**Room Check-In**
5:30 – 8:00 pm	**Dinner with Principal TV Host** Over dinner CPI fellows will learn about how newsrooms function, how nightly segments are formed, and how participants can best position their members of Congress to appear on highly viewed TV shows. *Invited Speaker: Shannon Beam, Journalist and Attorney*

Thursday, August 27, 2026

9:30 – 11:00 am	**Tour and Panel Discussion with Twitter/X** Fellows will hear from a panel of Twitter/X employees about the role of Twitter/X in public policy discourse. *Speakers: Caroline Strom, Head of US Elections*
11:00 – 11:30 am	**Transit to Newsmax**
11:30 - 1:30 pm	**Tour and Discussion with Newsmax** Newsroom staff will give a tour to fellows of Newsmax so the fellows can see how a news organization works and learn from staff about the different divisions and roles of a news organization. *Speaker: Moche Maryles, Newsmax Booking Producer & Newsmax Team*
1:30-2:00 pm	**Executive Time**

2:00 – 3:30 pm **Lunch and Session: TV and Booking in 2025**

Speaker will teach staff what makes a good pitch and why producers book certain guests on their shows. Participants will discuss how to draft compelling story pitches.
Speaker: Teddy Stephan, Fox News Booking Producer

3:30 - 6:00 **Executive Time**

6:00 – 8:30 pm **Dinner and Keynote Speaker**
Speaker will discuss what issues producers see resonating with audiences, how they approach message testing with media trends.
Invited Speaker: Charlie Hurt, TV Commentator

Friday, August 28, 2026

9:30 – 11:00 am **Tour and Discussion with Meta**
A panel of Meta staff will explain Meta's role in public policy discourse, the role of AI in news media, and the future of social media evolution to CPI Fellows after a tour of the building.
Location: Meta HQ
Speakers: Arpit Patel, Partner Manager, Government & Social Impact at Meta, and Josh Althouse, Public Policy Manager at Meta

11:00 – 11:30 **Executive Time**

11:30 - 1:00 pm **Tabloid and Rapid Response Journalism**
Newsroom staff will unpack how a rapid response focused news organization functions, explaining to CPI fellows how stories are chosen, prioritized, and how the Fellows can optimize their pitches to get maximum exposure for their office.
Invited Speakers: Sam Chamberlain (NY Post Politics Editor) and Mark Cunningham (NY Post Editorial Editor)

1:00 - 2:30 pm **Lunch and Speaker**
The dinner speaker will discuss the trends in political media and explain to CPI Fellows how using an interconnected media environment can maximize exposure and recognition of issues.
Invited Speaker Cody Derespina, Senior Editor for Politics at Fox News Digital

2:30 - 4:00 pm **Executive Time**

4:00 - 6:00 **Meeting with LinkedIn**
LinkedIn team will talk about how fellows can leverage their social media platform to get the work of their Congressional office out to constituents though key tools and strategic posts.
Speaker: Christina Maruna, Senior Government and Advocacy Manager, LinkedIn

6:00 – 6:30 pm **Executive Time**

6:30 – 8:30 pm **Dinner and Panel Discussion: Conservative Hot Topics in the Media**
At dinner, Fellows will hear from three media experts on where they see conservative media going, how to get ahead of the curve of political media trends, and how to successfully pitch amidst an ever-changing media environment
Location: Little Italy
Speaker: Wesley Denton (CPI), Sondra Clark (Urban Legend Media), and Scooter Schaefer (Bilander Media)

Saturday, August 29, 2026

7:45am **2026 Veritas Fellowship New York Media Trip Ends**