RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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.**

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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):
Progressive Policy Institute

Travel Dates:
03/10/2026 to 03/14/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$1,500.00	$1,317.00	$400.00	$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.

3/31/26
Date

Adan Serna
Printed Name of Traveler

Adan Serna
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.

3/31/26
Date

Ben Ray Luján
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

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

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January 30, 2025

Mr. Adán Serna
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Dear Adán,

On behalf of the Progressive Policy Institute, I am pleased to invite you to join a small delegation of congressional communications directors for an international staff delegation to Dublin and London, March 9–14, 2025.

This four-day program is designed for senior government communications leaders navigating an increasingly fragmented media environment and declining public trust. The delegation will explore how political leaders, governments, and media organizations abroad are addressing many of the same communication challenges faced in Washington today.

In Dublin, participants will meet with a range of political, policy, and media figures to discuss approaches to public engagement, message development, and effective storytelling in a rapidly changing information landscape. Conversations will highlight how communicators operate in different political and cultural contexts, offering comparative insights that will inform work back home.

The program will then continue in London, where the delegation will engage with government officials, journalists, and other experts to examine strategies for building trust, connecting with working-class communities, and navigating complex dynamics. Participants will also gain perspective on how U.S. politics and policy are understood through the lens of the enduring U.S.–UK "Special Relationship."

Throughout the trip, the delegation will emphasize open discussion, idea sharing, and professional relationship building beyond the day-to-day demands of Washington.

Please note that invitations are non-transferable. Space is limited and participation will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.

PPI is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization committed to providing educational programming on current policy issues. All congressional staff delegation trips are designed to comply fully with House and Senate ethics rules.

If you are interested in participating or would like additional information, please email Max Sherrill (msherrill@ppionline.org) and Ian O'Keefe (iokeefe@ppionline.org)

We hope you can join us for this unique opportunity to learn from others, exchange ideas, and develop meaningful connections across borders.

Sincerely,

Ian O'Keefe
Communications Director
PPI

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:
Adan Serna

Employing Office/Committee:
LUJAN, BEN RAY

Private Sponsor(s):
Progressive Policy Institute

Destination(s):
Dublin, Ireland London, United Kingdom

Travel Dates:
03/10/2026 to 03/14/2026
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 will allow me to deepen my network of journalists, communications, and government professionals. It will allow me to learn from counterparts and deepen my understanding of best practices in the ever-changing media landscape.

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.

2/5/26
Date

Adan Serna
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 Senator Ben Ray Luján
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Adan Serna
(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)

2/5/26
Date

Ben Ray Luján
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Progressive Policy Institute: March 2026 PPI Communications Trip to Dublin and London

Adan Serna

Title:
Communications Director

Employing Office/Committee:
LUJAN, BEN RAY

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Dublin, Ireland
London, United Kingdom

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

This trip will allow me to deepen my network of journalists, communications, and government professionals. It will allow me to learn from counterparts and deepen my understanding of best practices in the ever-changing media landscape.

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Progressive Policy Institute

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

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Private Foundation

Address
1919 M St NW

Address 2 (Optional)
Ste 300

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

Phone Number
7046080106

Organization URL

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 aim to foster dialogues and collaborative relationships among U.S. policymakers. PPI last sponsored Senate travel in May 2025.

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 annually. PPI also hosts public forum, congressional briefings, webinars, roundtables and other events centered 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.*

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

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

PPI has planned and organized a professional development trip to Dublin and London, two major international media hubs, to learn how U.S. politics are covered in Europe and the United Kingdom, and to engage with journalists, policy experts and transatlantic partners. The trip will provide staff with opportunities to deepen their understanding of global perceptions of U.S. policy and strengthen relationships with counterparts abroad.

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

PPI has been conducting policy work since 1989 and facilitating bipartisan dialogues among U.S. policymakers domestically and abroad. The purpose of this trip reflects that mission by fostering collaborative relationships with congressional offices, improving communication strategies, and strengthening PPI's international engagement. It reinforces PPI's broader goal of promoting pragmatic policy ideas through deeper global understanding and exchange.

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:
03/09/2026 @ 11:20 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
03/14/2026 @ 04:35 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: $1,500.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$1,500.00

Note
Round trip, a flight from Dublin to London, and taxis/ride share

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,317.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
03/10/2026	03/11/2026	Hilton Dublin	Dublin	None	Ireland	1	$294.00	No
03/11/2026	03/14/2026	The Waldorf Hilton	London	None	United Kingdom	3	$341.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $400.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
03/10/2026	$0.00	$30.00	$50.00	$0.00	**$80.00**	Dublin	None	Ireland	No
03/11/2026	$20.00	$30.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$50.00**	Dublin	None	Ireland	No
03/11/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$50.00	$0.00	**$50.00**	London	None	United Kingdom	No
03/12/2026	$20.00	$30.00	$50.00	$0.00	**$100.00**	London	None	United Kingdom	No
03/13/2026	$20.00	$30.00	$50.00	$0.00	**$100.00**	London	None	United Kingdom	No
03/14/2026	$20.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$20.00**	London	None	United Kingdom	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: March 2026 PPI Communications Trip to Dublin and London

Travel Date(s): March 9-14, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Dublin, Ireland and London, United Kingdom

Sponsor: Third Way Foundation (PPI is a project of Third Way Foundation)

Lindsay Lewis — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

CEO — *(title)*

Lindsay Lewis — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

2/5/26 — *(date)*

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Dublin/London StaffDel Schedule
Monday, March 9, 2026 – Saturday, March 14, 2026

All times local

Monday, March 9

11:20 PM - 10:20 AM^{+1}	**United Flight (UA 228): IAD to DUB**

Tuesday, March 10

11:30 AM	Transportation to hotel (approx. 60 minutes)
12:00 PM	Check into hotel (**Hilton Dublin**) *Location: Charlemont Pl, Saint Kevin's, Dublin, D02 A893, Ireland*
12:30 - 1:45 PM	**Lunch & Trip Preview** *Location: Richmond, 43 Richmond St S, Portobello, Dublin 2, D02 X499, Ireland* Over lunch, Ian O'Keefe and Michael Quigley will provide an overview of the trip itinerary and key objectives, highlighting the delegation's meetings and priority topics for discussion. Michael will also deliver a briefing on the government and politics of Ireland, offering context on the current political landscape, major institutions, and the dynamics shaping policymaking. Together, these presentations will equip the delegation with both the practical framework for the trip and the political insights needed to engage effectively throughout the visit.
2:00 - 2:45 PM	**Meeting with Sinn Féin Communications Staff and Party Leadership** *Location: Kevin Barry Memorial Hall, 44 Parnell Square W, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01 XA36, Ireland* The delegation will meet with staff and party representatives from Sinn Féin for a candid discussion on political messaging, media strategy, and narrative development within Ireland's current political environment. The conversation will focus on Sinn Féin's history and how Sinn Féin communicates its priorities to voters, responds to breaking political moments, and navigates Ireland's press landscape across traditional and digital platforms.
3:00 - 5:00 PM	**Tour of Guinness Storehouse** *Location: St. James's Gate, Dublin 8, D08 VF8H, Ireland*

The delegation will visit the Guinness Storehouse to examine how one of Ireland's most enduring institutions has communicated its identity over time. The experience highlights the role of advertising, visual design, and storytelling in shaping public perception, as well as how Guinness has adapted its message across political, social, and economic shifts while remaining closely associated with Irish national identity.

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM — **Salon Dinner**
Location: F.X. Buckley Steakhouse Pembroke Street, 1A Pembroke Street Lower, Dublin 2, D02 TF61, Ireland

The delegation will join Members of the Oireachtas and current and former government communications staffers for a private, off-the-record dinner focused on lessons from Ireland's efforts to rebuild public trust and reconnect with working people. The discussion will explore effective messaging, audience engagement, and navigating today's fast-moving media landscape.

Wednesday, March 11

9:00 - 10:00 AM — **Breakfast Meeting @ Apple Europe HQ**
Location: Apple Campus, Hollyhill

The delegation will meet with members of Apple's Ireland-based communications and public affairs team for a discussion on corporate communications in a global, policy-heavy environment. The conversation will focus on how Apple approaches messaging at the intersection of technology, regulation, and public trust, particularly within the European and Irish context.

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM — **Meeting with RTÉ Editorial and Communications Staff**
Location: RTÉ Studios, Donnybrook

The delegation will meet with senior editorial and communications staff from RTÉ for a discussion on Ireland's media environment and the role of public broadcasting in political coverage. The conversation will focus on editorial decision-making, election coverage, and the balance between independence, accountability, and public trust.

12:00 - 12:45 PM — Travel to airport, lunch at airport

2:15 - 3:35 PM — **AerLingus Flight (EI 168): DUB-LHR**

4:30 - 5:30 PM — Travel to hotel

6:30 - 7:30 PM — Travel to/check into hotel– **Waldorf Hilton London**
Location: Aldwych, London WC2B 4DD, United Kingdom

7:30 - 10:00 PM — **Private Dinner with Steph Driver**

Location: House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW, United Kingdom

An off-the-record dinner conversation with Steph Driver, who served as Downing Street Communications Director under Prime Minister Keir Starmer. The discussion will focus on strategic messaging and communications decision-making at the highest levels of government, with reflections on managing narrative discipline, responding to fast-moving news cycles, and coordinating communications across government during moments of political transition.

Thursday, March 12

8:00 - 9:00 AM **Breakfast at Hotel**

9:00 - 10:30 AM **Houses of Parliament Tour with Lord David Evans**
Location: Palace of Westminster, London SW1A 0AA, United Kingdom

Participants will take part in a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament, led by Lord David Evans. The visit will provide historical and educational context about the institution's role, traditions, and legislative process. The group will also take part in an informal discussion with a few Members of Parliament to hear their perspectives on issues related to the US-UK relationship.

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Meeting with Tony Blair Institute Comms Team**
Location: One Bartholomew Close, London, EC1A 7B

Conversation with members of TBI's communications team about their global political engagement and public messaging strategy — including how they frame Labour's modernization agenda, craft media narratives, and coordinate with U.S. center-left partners.

1:00 - 2:30 PM **Visit to Google London and Discussion with DeepMind Team**
Location: 6 Pancras Sq, London N1C 4AG, United Kingdom

Tour of Google's London offices followed by a discussion with members of Google and DeepMind's communications team on the role of advanced AI research in shaping tech policy and economic narratives across the U.S. and U.K. The conversation will focus on messaging around AI innovation, regulation, and public trust.

3:00 - 5:00 PM **Meeting and Reception with Progressive Britain**
Location: The Wellington 351 Strand, Greater, London WC2R 0HS, United Kingdom

An informal reception with leaders of Progressive Britain, a center-left think tank aligned with the U.K. Labour Party. The gathering will provide an opportunity to exchange perspectives and build relationships with U.K. counterparts in a relaxed setting.

7:00 - 9:30 PM	**Private Dinner Discussion with U.K. Political Reporter** *Location: Jamie Oliver Catherine St, 6 Catherine St, London WC2B 5JY, United Kingdom* An off-the-record dinner bringing together senior political reporters and communications directors from both sides of the Atlantic. The discussion will allow U.K. journalists to engage directly with U.S. communications professionals and exchange perspectives on storytelling, public trust, and rebuilding broad-based political coalitions.
Friday, March 13	
8:00 - 9:00 AM	**Breakfast at Hotel**
9:30 - 11:00 AM	**Visit to London Bloomberg Office** *Location: 3 Queen Victoria St, London EC4N 4TQ, United Kingdom* The delegation will visit Bloomberg's City of London campus for an overview of how large-scale news organizations operate in live, high-pressure environments. The visit will include a tour highlighting how editorial, production, and communications teams coordinate across news and sports programming.
11:30 - 1:30 PM	**Lunch Meeting with Labour Comms Staffers & Startup Coalition** *Location: Old Queen Street Café, 6 Old Queen St, London SW1H 9HP* Networking lunch with senior communications counterparts from Labour MPs' offices and members of the Startup Coalition. Discussion will focus on shared messaging priorities, media engagement strategies, and opportunities for cross-Atlantic collaboration.
2:00 - 4:30 PM	**10 Downing Street Tour with Staff** *Location: 10 Downing St London SW1A 2AB UK* The delegation will take part in a private tour of 10 Downing Street, provided by government staff, offering an inside look at the operations and history of the Prime Minister's Office and the role it plays at the center of U.K. government.
6:30 - 9:00 PM	**Casual Closing Dinner** *Location: Dishoom, 12 Upper St Martin's Ln, London WC2H 9FB, United Kingdom* Trip recap and takeaways with PPI team.
Saturday, March 14	
8:30 AM	Breakfast at hotel
9:00 AM	Travel to Airport

12:05 PM - 4:35 PM **United Flight (UA 919): LHR to IAD**