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):
Climate Solutions Foundation

Travel Dates:
09/20/2026 to 09/22/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$467.00	$1,298.00	$209.00	$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.

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Date

Nate Bentham
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.

9/29/26
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	$467.00	Travel cost less than anticipated
Meals	$209.00	Cost incurred

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.

Climate Solutions FOUNDATION

August 10, 2026

Nate Benthem
U.S. Senate
Policy Advisor
Office of Senator Padilla

Dear Nate,

On behalf of the **Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF)**, we would like to invite you to join us for a bipartisan congressional delegation to New York City for programming surrounding 2026 NY Climate Week. Members will travel to New York on **Sunday, September 20, and return to Washington, DC on Tuesday, September 22.**

NY Climate Week is the largest annual domestic climate and energy event of its kind, featuring high-level business and international leaders, investors, policymakers, and civil society representatives from around the world. Increasingly, this convening has become focused on the economic, innovation, and trade dimensions of energy and climate, serving as a space to form partnerships, discuss policy priorities, and shape investment decisions between domestic and international parties.

As part of the delegation, CSF programming will include roundtables, panels, dinners, and receptions where you will have the chance to learn from and exchange ideas with experts from the public and private sector, think tanks, and international community. Our goal is for you to leave with a broader understanding of the policy and investment landscape, new relationships across sectors, and actionable insights to inform your work on energy and climate issues. The central aim of this delegation is to identify bipartisan opportunities for action — areas where shared economic interests, innovation priorities, and energy security goals can serve as a foundation for durable, cross-aisle solutions.

This year, NY Climate Week discussions are centered around growing electricity demand, AI and data centers, innovative tech finance, supply chain resilience, and economic development. Your work surrounding these topics and bipartisan efforts will be a great asset to our delegation.

CSF will cover travel expenses, ground transportation associated with travel to and from New York City, and transportation arranged as part of Climate Week programming. We will also cover meal expenses related to the trip, in compliance with applicable House and Senate ethics rules.

If you are interested in participating, please let Ana, Ingrid, or Andrea from Team CSF know by Monday, Aug. 17. Space is limited and Ethics will be due by Thursday, Aug. 20.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Best,
Ana, Ingrid, and Helen

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp: 8/25/26

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:
Nate Bentham

Employing Office/Committee:
PADILLA, ALEX

Private Sponsor(s):
Climate Solutions Foundation

Destination(s):
New York City, New York

Travel Dates:
09/20/2026 to 09/22/2026
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 handle Energy, Forestry and other environmental issues for the Senator.

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.

8/25/26
Date

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 Alex Padilla
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Nathan Bentham
(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)

8/25/26
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Climate Solutions Foundation: Climate Solutions Foundation Climate Week-NYC 2026

Nate Bentham

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
PADILLA, ALEX

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:

I handle Energy, Forestry and other environmental issues for the Senator.

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Climate Solutions Foundation

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

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Suite 410

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 410

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

Phone Number
(301) 518-6336

Organization URL
https://www.climatesolutionsfoundation.com/

History of Congressional Travel

The Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF) has sponsored educational trips and programs for Congressional Members and staff for many years. These programs have included participation by U.S. House Members and Senate staff in Columbia University's Climate Program in 2022, as well as a visit to Calvert Cliffs in 2021.Over the years, CSF has also hosted Congressional delegations and staff for programs at Idaho Falls, CERAWeek in Houston, Equinix's Ashburn data center, New York City Climate Week, and COP programs. Both House and Senate Members and staff have been invited to participate in these educational programming providing bipartisan Congressional participants with opportunities to engage directly with industry leaders, policymakers, and experts on climate, energy, and emerging technologies.This longstanding programming reflects CSF's commitment to providing educational, bipartisan opportunities for Members of Congress and Congressional staff to better understand climate and energy issues

Educational Activities

The Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF) has sponsored educational programs and trips for Congressional Members and staff for many years. CSF's programming includes roundtables, panels, dinners, and receptions with corporate partners, government officials, and international allies focused on domestic and global energy and climate issues. Over time, CSF has expanded its programming to include domestic educational trips, international trips to United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings, Congressional staff briefings, receptions, and a Congressional fellowship program. These efforts have provided bipartisan House and Senate Members and staff with opportunities to engage directly with policymakers, industry leaders, government officials, and subject-matter experts.

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.

New York City during Climate Week and the United Nations General Assembly provides a unique opportunity to bring senior House and Senate staffers deeply engaged in climate policy together with a bipartisan group of leaders from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors. Being in NYC during this time allows staff to experience the broader global climate conversation firsthand and engage with policymakers, corporate leaders, and other stakeholders who are actively shaping climate and clean-energy policy. While Climate Solutions Foundation will curate its own programming, the proximity to Climate Week and UNGA provides access to a breadth of conversations and leaders that would be difficult to replicate elsewhere. The combination of bipartisan congressional engagement, substantive Foundation programming, and exposure to the larger global climate community demonstrates the importance of finding practical, durable climate solutions that can garner support across political lines.

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

The Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF) was founded in 2019 as an educational, bipartisan 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is to bring together ideologically diverse Members of Congress and heir staff, global leaders, and corporate and trade executives to discuss climate science, economics, and policy. The Climate Solutions Foundation hosts a series of bipartisan, bicameral gatherings of members of Congress, congressional staff, executives, and scientists to build trust within the climate change ommunity and inspire collaborative efforts to advance the agenda on climate change. Since then, CSF has expanded its programming to include domestic educational trips, international trips to the UN's (COP) convenings, congressional staff briefings, receptions, and a congressional fellowship program. The Climate Solutions Foundation is solely responsible for organizing and planning all aspects of the 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

- [ ] 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.

- [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
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- [ ] 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

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

- Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
09/20/2026 @ 12:15 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
09/22/2026 @ 03:51 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: $500.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Train	Coach	$500.00

Note
roundtrip coach amtrak

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,298.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
09/20/2026	09/22/2026	WestHouse	New York City	New York	United States	2	$649.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Staying in Midtown during Climate Week is necessary due to the exceptionally high demand for hotel accommodation throughout New York City during this period. Climate Week and the United Nations General Assembly bring thousands of government, business, and policy leaders to the city, significantly limiting available hotel inventory and driving rates well above standard GSA lodging rates. The delegation needs to remain in Midtown to provide reasonable access to Climate Week programming, meetings with corporate and policy leaders, and the Foundation's own scheduled programming. Moving outside the Midtown area would create significant transportation challenges and additional costs and would impact the efficiency of the delegation's tightly scheduled program. Given the timing, limited availability, and location requirements, the higher hotel rates are unavoidable and necessary to ensure appropriate accommodations for the congressional delegation.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $215.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
09/20/2026	$0.00	$26.00	$38.00	$5.00	**$69.00**	New York	New York	United States	No
09/21/2026	$23.00	$26.00	$38.00	$5.00	**$92.00**	New York City	New York	United States	No
09/22/2026	$23.00	$26.00	$0.00	$5.00	**$54.00**	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.

Trip Name: Climate Solutions Foundation Staff Education Trip-Aug 2026

Organization Information

Organization Name:
Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF)

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

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:
[✔] Private Foundation [ ] Public Charity

Address:
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE

City, State, Zip:
Washington, DC 20003

Phone Number:
301-518-6336 andrea@mietusevents.com

Organization URL:
https://www.climatesolutionsfoundation.com/

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

Climate Solutions Foundation has been sponsoring trips over the years. We have hosted a number of trips including U.S. House Members and Senate Staff that participated in the Columbia University Climate Program in 2022, and also a visit to Calvert Cliffs in 2021, CSF has hosted trips to Idaho Falls, CERAWeek in Houston, Equinix's Ashburn data center, NYC Climate Week and COP programs over the years The Senate Staff And Senators have been invited to participate in the a number of these as well. Most recently Calvert Cliffs Tour in May of 2026.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

CSF's programing include roundtables, panels, dinners, and receptions with corporate partners, government officials, and international allies on domestic and global energy topics. CSF has expanded its programming to include domestic educational trips, international trips to the United Nations Conference of Parties (COP) convenings, congressional staff briefings, receptions, and a congressional fellowship program.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

(●) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

( ) 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 (Select one):

(●) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):

[✔] 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.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

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

Climate Solutions is looking at all opportunities to engage with the U.S. Congressional Staff and Members who are interested in engaging in thoughtful conversation about Climate change. This is a unique opportunity highlighting Maryland's only nuclear plant—and it provides most of the state's clean electricity. It runs 24/7, producing carbon-free power for over a million homes, making it a critical piece of how we fight climate change today—not just in the future.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

(●) Yes ( ) No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

1.

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With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- ○ The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ◉ The trip is arranged or organized 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 (Must select all):

- ☑ 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 (Select one):

- ◉ 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 (Select one):

- ○ No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principle, 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

Required if selecting the third option in either column - Please explain why the second overnight stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip.

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- ☑ 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 list

- ☑ A list of all Senate invitees is attached to this form (required).
- ☑ Members and staff from the House of Representatives will also receive invitations.

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:	⇄	Trip End Date/Time:
8/10/2026 4:32 pm		8/13/2026 7:23pm

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ◉ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: $_____ Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare DCA-DEN - DEN - IAD	Economy	$650.00
Ground transportation-Denver, Boulder, & Golder		$300.00
Uber (Return home- IAD		$125.00

Details (optional)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: $195,00 Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
8/10/2026	8/13/2026	Denver West Marriott	Golden	CO	USA

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.
3	195.00	NO	

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: $$289 Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
8/10			45	15	60.00	Denver	CO	USA	N
8/11/2026	20	22	38	5	80.00	Golden	CO	USA	N
8/12/2026	20	22	38	5	80.00	Golden	CO	USA	N
8/13/2026	20	22	27		69.00	Denver	CO	USA	N

If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: $_____ Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

Additional Details (optional)

Any questions about Ethics filings please contact
Andrea Mietus, CSF-Advisor, andrea@mietusevents.com - 301-518-6336

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: Climate Solutions foundation (CSF) National Lab of the Rockies

Travel Date(s): August 10, 2026 - August 13, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Denver CO, Golden, CO & Boulder, CO

Sponsor: Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF)

Alex Flint	Chairman
(printed name of sponsor representative)	*(title)*
(signature of sponsor representative)	6/15/2026 *(date)*

First Name	Last Name	Title	Office
Jenna	Mayhew	Legislative Aide	Office of Senator Chris Coons (D-DE)
Jennifer	Michael	Senior Professional Staff	Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Nicola	Ritsch	Legislative Fellow	Office of Senator Chris Coons (DE)
Tierney	Sturgeon	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Senator John Curtis (UT)

Climate Solutions FOUNDATION

Preliminary Schedule and Subject to Change

Climate Solutions Foundation Bipartisan Staff Delegation to National Lab of the Rockies
August 10 - 13

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

4:32 PM ET	**Flight from DCA to DEN, United Flight #746**
6:25 PM MT	**Arrive DEN**
7:00 PM	**Drive to Denver West Marriott** *30-40 minute drive*
7:30 PM	**Check in at Denver West Marriott**
7:30 PM **9:00 PM**	**Dinner at Copper Creek Restaurant** **Marriott West Denver**
RON	**Denver West Marriott** *1717 Denver West Marriott Blvd, Golden, CO 80401*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

7:00 AM	**Optional Staff Breakfast at Hotel**
7:30 AM	**Drive to CO School of Mines, Experimental Mine** *Edgar Mine, 365 8th Ave, Idaho Springs, CO 80452*
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	**CO School of Mines, Experimental Mine**

The Edgar Experimental Mine provides a hands-on view of applied mining research, workforce training, and technology development in a real-world underground environment. This visit will (1) allow staff to observe how research and demonstration projects translate into operational mining practices, (2) ground policy discussions on critical minerals, domestic supply chains, and workforce in practical application, and (3) highlight the role of university-industry-government partnerships in advancing domestic critical mineral buildout across the U.S. mining and energy sectors.

Rough Agenda:
8:00-8:20 AM Safety Briefing
8:20-9:00 AM Mine History & Overview of Experimental Mine Applied Work
9:00-10:00 AM Tour Demo Areas and Labs

10:00 AM **Drive to Colorado School of Mines (CSM)**
30-45 minute drive

10:45 AM – 12:30 PM **Colorado School of Mines Tour and Presentations**
1500 Illinois St., Golden, CO 80401

Colorado School of Mines is a partner of NLR and provides an applied perspective on energy systems, critical minerals, and subsurface engineering—issues central to both energy security and economic growth. Staff will have the opportunity to understand workforce development from an academic institution with ties to both the federally operated national lab and industry. This will help staff understand the technical expertise needed for the future of the US energy industry, challenges facing domestic energy supply chains, and collaboration underway between the public and private sectors and academic institutions.

Rough Agenda
10:45-11:15 AM Campus Tour, including new U.S. Geological Survey building *(Speaker: Lisa Knizel, Director of Research & Development, CO School of Mines)*
11:15-12:30 PM Staff Briefing with Payne Institute for Public Policy *(Speakers: Morgan Bazilian, Director of Payne Institute of Public Policy | Ian Lange, Professor of Economics & Business | Elizabeth Holley, Associate Professor of Mining Engineering | Alicia Polo, Executive Director of Critical Minerals Strategy & Advancement | Bill Zisch, Head of Mining Engineering*

Providing high-level background on Research, Innovation, Geopolitics, Economics:

- Critical Minerals 101
- Advanced critical mineral discovery, extraction, processing technologies
- Critical mineral economics and geopolitics
- Quantum research, supply chains, and applications
- Integration with federal research, development, and deployment capabilities (e.g., NLR and the national lab system)

Critical Minerals Roundtable
Speakers: School of Mines alongside industry partners USA Rare Earths, Energy Fuels, Endolith, Alta Resource Technologies (speakers TBC)

This roundtable on critical minerals will convene traditional mining operators alongside emerging technology companies working to modernize mineral extraction, processing, and supply chain resilience. The discussion will provide staff an opportunity to examine how evolving technologies, domestic resource development, and public-private collaboration can support U.S. critical mineral security, while also exploring workforce, permitting, sustainability, and market challenges shaping the future of the sector.

12:30 PM **Drive to NLR South Table Mountain Campus**
15 minute drive

12:45 PM **Arrive at NLR South Table Mountain Campus**
15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401

12:45 PM – 1:30 PM **Lunch & Introduction from NLR Leadership Team**
Education Center for check-in, then to Research Support Facility, (x320A-C, Beaver Creek Conference Room)

1:30 PM – 4:45 PM **NLR South Table Mountain Campus Tour & Presentations**
Speakers: Jud Virden, Laboratory Director, Alliance President;
Adam Bratis, Chief Research Officer, Acting Deputy Laboratory Director;

Jaquelin Cochran, Associate Laboratory Director, Strategic Energy Analysis and Decision Sciences;
John Farrell, Associate Laboratory Director, Energy Security and Systems Innovation;
Maureen McCann, Associate Laboratory Director, *Bioeconomy and Transportation;*
Bill Tumas, Associate Laboratory Director, Materials, Chemical, and Computational Science;
Andrea Watson, Associate Laboratory Director, Innovation, Partnering, and Outreach;
Dan Beckley, Associate Laboratory Director, Facilities and Operations;
Kirstin Alberi, Center Director, Materials Science Center;
Josh Schaidle, Laboratory Program Manager, Carbon Management.

The National Laboratory of the Rockies Golden Campus offers a comprehensive view of federally supported research and development work on energy and security, from critical minerals processing and grid integration to advanced material development and demonstration sites. This visit will (1) allow staff to observe federal dollars at work, (2) ground policy discussions on innovation pipelines, and (3) highlight how public-private partnerships accelerate technology deployment.

Rough agenda:
1:30-3:15 PM Tour of Energy Systems Integration Facility (ESIF), including:
1:30-1:50 PM Kestrel, NLR's High-Performance Computing (HPC) data center
1:50-2:10 PM 2D and 3D Visualization Rooms
2:10-2:35 PM Energy Security and Reliability Laboratory (ESRL)
2:35-3:00 PM Agora Large-Load Test Bed
:00-3:25 PM Advanced Research on Integrated Energy Systems (ARIES) capabilities
3:25-3:45 PM Tour Integrated Biorefinery Research Facility (IBRF)
3:45-4:45 PM Tour of Energy Materials & Processing at Scale (EMAPS) Facility

4:45 PM **Drive to Reception & Dinner Venue**
[LOCATION, ADDRESS]

15 minute drive

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM **Pre-Dinner Reception**

Staff will attend a pre-dinner reception alongside NLR and Colorado School of Mines (CSM) researchers and faculty, as well as industry and private sector partners that make up NLR's Foundation. In participating, staff will have the opportunity to discuss the days' events and form relationships with cross-sector experts to dig deeper into areas of interest.

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM **Dinner**
TBD

Staff will attend dinner alongside NLR and Colorado School of Mines (CSM) researchers and faculty, including those from the CSM Payne Institute for Public Policy. In participating, staff will have the opportunity to engage directly with technical and policy experts, allowing staff to explore specific areas of interest and continue more in-depth discussions building on insights from the day's site visits.

7:30 PM **Drive to Hotel**
Estimated Time 15-30 minutes

RON **Denver West Marriott**
1717 Denver West Marriott Blvd, Golden, CO 80401

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

7:30 AM **Optional Staff Breakfast at Hotel**

8:00 AM **Drive to NLR Flatiron Campus in Golden, CO**
30 minute drive

8:30 AM **Arrive at NLR Flatiron Campus**
15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM **NLR Flatiron Campus Tour & Presentations**
Speakers: Jud Virden, Laboratory Director, Alliance President;
Adam Bratis, Chief Research Officer, Acting Deputy Laboratory Director;
John Farrell, Associate Laboratory Director, Energy Security and Systems Innovation;
Daniel Laird, Director, National Wind Technology Center;
Jen Kurtz, Research Director, ARIES, Center Director, Energy Conversion and Storage Systems;
Andrew Hudgins, Laboratory Program Manager, ARIES/ESIF.

NLR's Flatron Campus focuses on large-scale power systems testing and research. This visit will provide staff with the opportunity to see multiple energy systems operating at scale, gain insights into the major research questions related to each, and consider how applied energy innovation can advance more affordable, reliable, and secure energy for our nation.

Rough agenda:
8:30-8:45 AM Breakfast and Welcome from NLR Leadership and Flatirons Researchers
8:45-9:15 AM Flatirons Campus and ARIES Overview
9:15-12:00 PM Flatirons Campus Tour:
9:15-9:45 AM: ARIES large-scale systems integration
9:45-10:05 AM: Waterpower Research (LAMP, marine energy, hydropower)
10:05-10:25 AM: DRTS & 5-Megawatt Dynamometers (Equipment Testing Center)
10:25-10:45 AM: Composites Manufacturing Education and Technology (CoMET) Facility
10:45-11:15 AM: Structural Characterization (STL)
11:15 AM-11:40 PM: Research Pads, Energy Storage Infrastructure, Industrial Technologies
11:40-12:00 AM: Control Center Facility

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Lunch with ARIES Leadership and Flatirons Research Staff**

This lunch with ARIES and other lab leadership and research staff will provide staff an opportunity to engage directly with NLR leadership and researchers, ask follow-up questions on the Lab's work, and synthesize themes across the site visits. The discussion will help connect observations from the tour and prior engagements into a broader understanding of how research, demonstration, and deployment efforts intersect across the regional energy and innovation ecosystem.

1:30 PM **Drive to CO School of Mines Beck Venture Center**
1700 Washington Ave, Golden, CO 80401
10 minute drive

1:40 PM – 2:10 PM **CO School of Mines Beck Venture Center Introduction by Leadership**
Speaker: Zach Bennett, Director of Beck Venture Center and Mines Venture Program

The Colorado School of Mines Beck Venture Center will provide staff with an overview of how university-led entrepreneurship, technology transfer, and startup incubation support the commercialization of emerging energy and industrial technologies. This brief will highlight how the Center connects researchers, students, investors, and industry partners to accelerate the pathway from research and development to market deployment, while strengthening regional innovation and workforce ecosystems.

2:10 PM – 3:10 PM **Innovation & Commercialization Roundtable**
CO School of Mines Beck Venture Center
Speakers: Zach Bennett, Director of Beck Venture Center | Trish Cozart, Director of National Lab of the Rockies' Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center | Fervo Energy Speaker TBC | Additional Private Sector Partner TBC

This roundtable on innovation and commercialization will bring together leaders from the Colorado School of Mines, NLR, and several supported startups to examine how research partnerships move technologies from laboratory concepts to deployable solutions. The discussion will provide staff insight into the challenges and opportunities associated with scaling emerging technologies, aligning federal research investments with private-sector needs, and fostering collaboration across universities, laboratories, startups, and industry partners to strengthen U.S. competitiveness and innovation capacity.

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM **Quantum Computing Roundtable**
CO School of Mines Beck Venture Center
Speakers: Fred Saarazin, Professor/Dept. Head of Physics | Jessi Olsen, CEO, Elevate Quantum | Corben Tillemann-Dick, Founder & CEO, Maybell Quantum

This roundtable with regional ecosystem partners will provide staff an opportunity to engage directly with leaders across Colorado's quantum computing ecosystem, including industry, research, and the private sector. The discussion will help contextualize the region's role in advancing quantum technologies and explore implications for national competitiveness, workforce development, and energy-intensive computing infrastructure, highlighting how public-private collaboration is accelerating research, commercialization, and supply chain growth in this emerging sector.

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM **Walk to Reception**
Mines Museum | 1310 Maple St, Golden, CO 80401
15 minute walk

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM **Reception at Mines Museum**

Staff will attend a reception alongside industry partners from the day's roundtables and the NLR ARIES Advisory Board (details here), which includes representatives from the Department of Energy, NLR executive leadership, industry, academia, and other government agencies. This setting provides a valuable opportunity to engage a broader set of energy ecosystem stakeholders and continue more in-depth, informal conversations building on themes from the day's site visits.

5:45 PM – 6:00 PM **Walk to Dinner**
Location TBD

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM **Dinner**
Location TBD

Staff will attend a reception and dinner alongside partners from the Beck Venture Center, private sector, and NLR ARIES Advisory Board (details here), which includes representatives from the Department of Energy, NLR executive leadership, industry, academia, and other government agencies. This setting provides a valuable opportunity to engage a broader set of energy ecosystem stakeholders and continue more in-depth, informal conversations building on themes from the day's site visits.

7:30 PM- 8:00 **Drive to Hotel**
DRIVE TIME

RON **Denver West Marriott**
1717 Denver West Marriott Blvd, Golden, CO 80401

AUGUST 13TH – DENVER, CO

8:30 AM	**Check Out from Hotel**
8:30 AM	**Drive to Xcimer**
8:30 AM – 9:00	**Drive time to Xcimer**
9:00 AM	**Arrive at Xcimer** *10325 E 47th Avenue, Denver, CO*
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	**Xcimer Facility Tour & Fusion Discussion** *Speakers: TBC from Xcimer | Dr. Jenifer Shafer, Professor of Nuclear Chemistry, CO School of Mines* This visit to Xcimer will provide staff with an opportunity to explore the technologies being developed to advance commercial fusion energy. Through a facility tour and discussion with company leadership and technical experts, staff will gain insight into the science and engineering needed to bring fusion online, the role of fusion in meeting future energy demand, and the key research, infrastructure, workforce, and policy considerations necessary to scale fusion from the lab bench to the electric grid. The conversation will also examine the broader fusion ecosystem, including public-private partnerships, supply chain needs, and the potential economic and energy security benefits of establishing U.S. leadership in this emerging industry.
11:00 AM – 11:30	**Drive to Denver International Airport**
11:30 AM	**Arrive Denver airport for 1:58 PM flight to IAD**
1:58 PM MT	**Depart DEN for IAD, United Flight #347**
7:23 PM ET	**Arrive IAD**

First	Last	Title	Office/Committee
Kara	Allen	Staff Director	U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
Justin	Anthony	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of Senator Mike Lee
Chris	Avila	Chief of Staff	Senator Coons
Rebecca	Avita	Chief of Staff	Office of Martin Heinrich
Wendy	Baig	Staff Director	U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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Climate Solutions FOUNDATION

Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF)

2026 New York Climate Week (NYCW)
Bipartisan and Bicameral Congressional Delegation Agenda
Sunday, September 20 – Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Sunday, September 20, 2026:

11:50 AM	**Amtrak Train departs with CSF Delegation** **Train 2212**
2:52 PM	**Train arrives Moynihan Train Hall – Penn Station**
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	**Drive time from Moynihan Train Hall- Penn Station train Station**
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	**Congressional delegation arrives in NYC via Amtrak & Check-in at WestHouse Hotel for Check In** Hotel: Westhouse Hotel NYC | 201 W 55th St, New York, NY 10019
4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	**Executive Time**
5:00 pm – 5:45 PM	**Delegation meets with CSF Executive Director** Hotel: WestHouse -Terrace Room- Top Floor

The delegation will meet with Ingrid Izaguirre, Executive Director of the Climate Solutions Foundation, to pick up materials pertinent to the meetings and roundtable discussions in which the delegation will be participating. The delegation will also review the schedule and agenda for both Monday and Tuesday.

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	**CSF Welcome NYCW Dinner** *(3 minute walk from WestHouse)* Estiatorio Milos Midtown | 125 W 55th St, New York, NY 10019

CSF's Welcome Dinner will formally kick off CSF's New York Climate Week programming and bring together CSF's delegation, Board members, and a select group of partners and allies. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with fellow members of the delegation and engage ahead of a busy day.

Monday, September 21, 2026:

7:30 AM **Congressional delegation Travels to Glasshouse**
Glasshouse | 660 12th Ave Fl 6, New York, NY 10019

8:00 AM – 9:50 AM **Congressional delegation attends NYCW Opening Ceremonies**

Climate Week NYC will open with the Opening Ceremony, bringing together climate leaders from across sectors to examine critical issues and emerging trends shaping the global climate landscape. The program will highlight investments and opportunities in clean technology and their role in driving transformation across finance, innovation, supply chains, policy, and regulatory frameworks.

8:00-8:45 AM **Light Breakfast & Networking**

9:00-9:10 AM **Welcome to Climate Week NYC**
***Moderator**: Carl Nasman, BBC News,*
***Speaker:** Helen Clarkson, Climate Group*

9:10-9:20 AM **Opening Keynote: Head of State Address, The new stakes: Climate Security is national security**
***Speaker:** Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia*

9:20-9:30 AM **In conversation: What climate security means now**
***Moderator:** Helen Clarkson, Climate Group*

9:30-9:40 AM Speech: What we cannot afford to lose sight of
***Speaker:** Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations*

9:40-9:50 AM **In conversation: Waiting is not a strategy**
***Speakers:** Paul Polman, Business Leader, Investor, Philanthropist Moderator: Helen Clarkson, Climate Group*

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM **Travel to Rockefeller Foundation**
Rockefeller Foundation; 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10018 John D. Rockefeller Room on the 23rd floor

10:15 AM **Arrival & Check-in Process at Rockefeller Foundation**

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **NYCW Roundtable: AI, Data Centers, Energy Demand & Community Priorities**
***Speakers:** Bill Parsons, VP of Federal Legislative Affairs, Berkshire Hathaway Energy | Gerry Petrella, General Manager of US Public Policy, Microsoft | Lynnae Willette, Director of Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, EDF Power Solutions | Jon Monken, Senior Partner, Converge Strategies*

CSF's bipartisan and bicameral Congressional delegation will participate in a roundtable discussion with leaders from the hyperscale technology, energy, and regulatory sectors, as well as local community advocates. The discussion will examine how the United States can respond to rapidly growing data center buildout while maintaining energy reliability and affordability, advancing the economic development opportunities associated with AI infrastructure, and responsibly stewarding natural resources and addressing community priorities.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Travel to Amazon, NYC**
126 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10036

12:15 PM **Arrival & Check-in at Amazon**

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM **Lunch Roundtable: Center for Critical Minerals Strategy**
Speakers: *Abigail Hunt, Executive Director, SAFE Center for Critical Minerals Strategy | Meghan Stasz, Climate & Circular Economy Policy Lead, Apple | Kelly O'Rourke, Chief Legal, External Affairs, and Sustainability Officer, South32 | Chao Yan, CEO, Princeton NuEnergy | Trent Mell, CEO, Electra | Ruth Demeter Hayes, Executive Director of Critical Minerals & Mining Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Global Energy Institute*

The discussion will bring together industry partners, think tanks, and the congressional delegation for a conversation on how the United States can capitalize on existing resource streams, address recycling and midstream bottlenecks, and advance more resilient, closed-loop critical-mineral supply chains.

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM **Grid Reliability & Buildout: Federal versus Regional Solutions Roundtable**
Speakers: *Charles Hernick, Head of Energy and Environmental Policy, Amazon | Chris Knittel, Associate Dean for Climate and Sustainability, MIT | Jason Stanek, Executive Director, PJM |*
David Hill, Vice Chairman of Board of Directors, NYISO | David Brown, Senior VP, Gov Affairs, Constellation | Michael Leahy, Vice President of Federal Affairs Chevron

This private roundtable will convene leaders from several regional grid systems for a candid, ground-level discussion of what is actually working (and what isn't) in addressing growing electricity demand, reliability challenges, and the need for new generation and transmission.

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM **Travel to Grids and Growth**
The National Arts Club |15 Gramercy Park South, New York, NY 10003

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM **Breaking 'Gridlock' for US-UK Energy, Reliability, Resilience and Affordability**
Speakers: *Minister Katie White, Dept. for Energy Security & Net Zero, UK | Doreen Harris, President & CEO, NYSERDA | Jamie Kunchick, Director, External Affairs, FERC | Greg Jackson, Founder & CEO, Octopus Energy Group | Jennifer Ganten, Chief Global Affairs Officer, Commonwealth Fusion Systems | Roger Martella, Chief Corporate Officer, GE Vernova | Claire Lund, Chief Sustainability Officer, National Grid*

This meeting will bring together UK embassy partners, the Congressional delegation, and business leaders to discuss how modernizing electricity grids can support economic growth, energy security, resilience, affordability and rising power demand. It will also showcase practical UK-US cooperation and the contribution of UK businesses operating in the US.

5:30 PM – 4:30 PM **Travel to Bipartisan Clean Energy Innovators Reception**
Manuela's Restaurant |130 Prince St, New York, NY 10012

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Bipartisan Clean Energy Innovators Reception**

The Congressional delegation will attend a reception bringing together more than two hundred energy and climate allies including Congressional Members, staff, private sector leaders, philanthropy, think tanks, academia, and international embassies. This convening will serve as an opportunity for informal relationship building with partners and allies. There will be remarks made by a few of the Bipartisan Clean Energy Innovators represented at Climate Week.

6:45 PM – 7:00 PM **Travel to CSF Closing Dinner**
Peasant | 194 Elizabeth St, New York, NY 10012

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **CSF Closing NYCW Delegation Dinner**

CSF's Closing Dinner will provide the congressional delegation with an opportunity to connect with leaders from the private sector and the broader climate and energy community for an engaging discussion on the opportunities and challenges shaping the evolving energy landscape. We look forward to convening a diverse group of voices for a thoughtful and informal conversation during this dinner.

RON **Westhouse Hotel NYC | 201 W 55th St, New York, NY 10019**

Tuesday, September 22, 2026:

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM **Breakfast Roundtable**
H&K Law Offices | 787 7th Ave, 31st Floor
Speakers: *Taite McDonald, Co-Chair of Energy Transition Industry Sector Group, Holland & Knight | Alex Herrgott, President & CEO, The Permitting Institute | Nat Keohane, President, C2ES | Willie Phillips, Partner, H&K Partner & former FERC Chairman | Rick Thigpen, SVP, Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) | Christopher Raup, VP of Energy Policy & Regulatory Affairs, ConEdison*

This event will feature three thirty-minute panels with experts from the public and private sector, discussing finance, permitting, and regulatory considerations involved in scaling and deploying clean energy in the U.S. The Congressional delegation will get the chance to hear a range of energy sector partners weigh in on challenges and opportunities in advancing technological deployment that has the potential to reduce climate impacts and positively impact the U.S. economy.

12:10 PM **Congressional delegation returns to DC by Amtrak Train 131**

3:45 PM **Congressional Delegation arrives Union Station (WAS)**