



DCH 2026 AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 13

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **EVENT CHECK IN OPEN** Potomac Foyer

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **EVENT CHECK IN OPEN** Potomac Foyer

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. **HILL DAY: FIRST-TIMER & REFRESHER BRIEFING** Meeting Room 12/13/14

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11:00 – 11:45 a.m. **HILL DAY: FIRST-TIMER & REFRESHER BRIEFING (repeat session)** Meeting Room 12/13/14

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12:30 p.m. **DCH LUNCH** Potomac Foyer

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. **DCH PROGRAM** Potomac Ballroom 1 & 2

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

- Geoff Freeman, President and CEO, U.S. Travel Association
- Nicole Porter, Vice President, Political Affairs, U.S. Travel Association

COLLABORATION AND CONVENING: A CANDID CONVERSATION WITH U.S. TRAVEL ASSOCIATION AND AIRLINES FOR AMERICA

In this candid conversation, U.S. Travel Association's CEO, Geoff Freeman and Airlines for America CEO, Christopher Sununu will discuss how a cohesive agenda can accelerate progress on the industry's biggest priorities. They'll share where alignment matters most and how a unified approach can shape policy, growth and the traveler experience.

- Geoff Freeman, President and CEO, U.S. Travel Association
- Chris Sununu, President and CEO, Airlines for America

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THE POLICY HOT SEAT: WHAT TO KNOW, WHAT TO SAY, WHAT TO ASK

This isn't a typical policy update – it's a live, podcast-style session to prepare you for Capitol Hill. U.S. Travel's policy leaders will break down the industry's top priorities, translate complex issues into plain language, and show how to communicate them effectively with policymakers. Through fast-paced, on-stage interviews, you'll get an insider view of what's happening in Washington, what it means for travel, and where your voice matters most.

- Erik Hansen, SVP, Head of Government Relations, U.S. Travel Association
- Erica Jones, Senior Director, Government Relations, U.S. Travel Association
- Andrew Newhart, Senior Director, Government Relations, U.S. Travel Association
- Ryan Propis, Vice President, Security and Facilitation, U.S. Travel Association

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

BREAK

POLICY WITH A PUNCH

Punchbowl News co-founder Jake Sherman delivers sharp, unfiltered insight into the political forces shaping today's policy landscape. With incomparable access to the highest offices in D.C., Sherman will break down what's really driving decisions on Capitol Hill, and what is likely to happen between Congress and the White House as they address hot-button issues on politics and policy.

- Jake Sherman, Co-founder of Punchbowl News

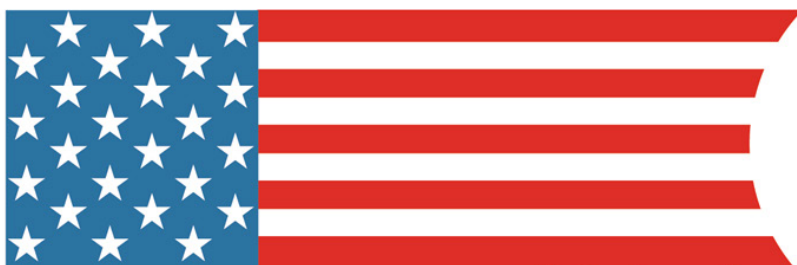
CLOSING REMARKS AND WRAP-UP

- Nicole Porter, Vice President, Political Affairs, U.S. Travel Association

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

DCH RECEPTION

Potomac Ballroom 3



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 – 10:00 a.m.	EVENT CHECK IN OPEN	Potomac Foyer
7:00 – 8:30 a.m.	DCH BREAKFAST & HILL DAY PREP BAR Start the morning with breakfast—an informal opportunity to connect with fellow travel industry advocates before heading to Capitol Hill. Meet peers from across the country, exchange ideas and build relationships as you prepare for a day of meetings with members of Congress and their staff. The breakfast will also feature a DCH "Genius Bar," where attendees can stop by to ask last-minute questions, revisit key policy priorities, and receive practical guidance on advocacy and Hill meetings	Potomac Ballroom 1 & 2
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	SHUTTLES TO CAPITOL HILL DEPART	Westin K Street Entrance
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	HOME BASE OPEN	300 1st Street SE
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	TOAST TO TRAVEL RECEPTION	101 Constitution Avenue NW

