U.S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EVENT ATTENDANCE

Members, officers, and employees may accept free attendance at an event only if a Senate Rule 35 exception applies. If your event does not meet all the criteria under an exception, please contact the Committee for advice.

WHICH EXCEPTION COULD APPLY?

RECEPTION

- ☑ Food and refreshments of a nominal value
- ☑ Food not offered as part of a meal

CHARITY EVENT

May accept free attendance, including food and refreshments if:

- ☑ Primary purpose is to raise funds for a 501 (c)(3) organization
- ☑ Invitation from the event sponsor

POLITICAL OR CAMPAIGN EVENT

May accept free attendance, including food and refreshments if:

- ☑ Sponsored by a political organization as described in § 527(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

WIDELY ATTENDED EVENT

- ☑ Invitation from the event sponsor
- ☑ Includes at least 25 people from outside of Congress
- ☑ Open to the public or a range of individuals interested in an issue
- ☑ Substantive agenda
- ☑ Related to official duties

CONSTITUENT EVENT

- ☑ Event is in the home state
- ☑ Sponsored by constituents or a group primarily made up of constituents
- ☑ At least five constituents in attendance
- ☑ No lobbyists or foreign agents at the event