



COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT

Commercial aircraft includes any aircraft transporting passengers for payment or other compensation. Commercial aircraft includes scheduled airlines and on-demand charter aircraft flights.

TYPE OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT:

Scheduled airlines ¹	Pay or reimburse fair market value
Charter aircraft ²	Pay or reimburse fair market value

PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

Private aircraft includes any aircraft engaging in personal or business flights and not carrying passengers for commercial purposes.

IF OWNED OR CHARTERED BY:

You or your relative ³	Recommend Committee review
A personal friend ⁴	Committee approval required
A Senate Member or a Member of the House of Representatives Senate or House officer Congressional employee ⁵	Permissible to accept the flight
Federal, state, local, or federally recognized tribal government ⁶	Permissible to accept flight under most circumstances
Fractional jet ownership agreement if the owner elects to operate the flight under 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 91 ⁷	Pay or reimburse using the Honest Leadership and Open Government (HLOGA) valuation method
Corporation, organization, or any other private entity	Pay or reimburse using the HLOGA valuation method



- 1** “Scheduled airlines” refer to commercial or common carrier airlines open to the general public for a fee (e.g. American Airlines, United Airlines). See 19 CFR part 122.1.

- 2** “Charter” refers to on-demand operations and commuter operations, which are types of commercial air service that involve the use of private aircraft, including light aircraft and business jets. These operations are distinct from scheduled airline operations and are often referred to as air charter or air taxi services. See 14 CFR part 380.

- 3** The Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. § 13101 defines “relative” as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, great aunt, great uncle, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, the grandfather or grandmother of a spouse, fiancé, or fiancée.

- 4** Senate Rule 35.1(c)(4) requires the Committee approve any gift based on personal friendship and valued over \$250.

- 5** Senate Rule 35.1(c)(6).

- 6** Senate Rule 35.1(c)(16). If a state, local, or tribal government offers flights on a regular or reoccurring basis, Committee review recommended.

- 7** The HLOGA requires payment or reimbursement of the pro rata share of the fair market value of the normal and usual charter fare or rental charge for a comparable plane of comparable size as determined by dividing such costs by the number of Members, officers, or employees on the flight, HLOGA Sec. 544(c)(1); Senate Rule 35.1(c)(1)(C).