Senate Commerce Committee Nominee Questionnaire, 119th Congress

Instructions for the nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (the "Committee") requests that you provide typed answers to each of the following questions. It is also requested that you type the question in full before each response. Do not leave any questions blank. Type "None" or "Not Applicable" if a question does not apply to you. Begin each section (*i.e.*, "A", "B", etc.) on a new sheet of paper. Electronically submit your completed questionnaire to the Committee in PDF format and <u>ensure that sections A through E of the completed questionnaire are in a text searchable and that any hyperlinks are active and can be clicked.</u> Section F may be scanned for electronic submission and need not be searchable.

Incomplete questionnaires may delay the nomination process.

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used):

Arielle Sandra Roth (maiden name: Arielle Sandra Rabinovitch)

2. Position to which nominated:

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information

3. Date of Nomination:

February 3, 2025

4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):

Home address:

Office address:

Dirksen Senate Office Building, #512 50 Constitution Ave NE

Washington, DC 20001

5. Date and Place of Birth:

Montreal, Canada

6. Provide the name, position, and place of employment for your spouse (if married) or domestic partner, and the names and ages of your children (including stepchildren and children by a previous marriage).

Spouse:

Jacob ("Yaakov") Moshe Roth Partner, Jones Day 51 Louisiana Ave NW Washington, DC 20001

Children:



7. List all college and graduate schools attended, whether or not you were granted a degree by the institution. Provide the name of the institution, the dates attended, the degree received, and the date of the degree.

McGill University Faculty of Law, August 2009-December 2012

• Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Civil Law (LLB-BCL), June 2013

Georgetown University Law Center, August 2011-December 2011

• Visiting student (no degree)

University of Toronto, August 2005-June 2009

- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, June 2008
- Began master's program in Political Theory in Fall 2008 but left to attend law school mid-program.

- 8. List all post-undergraduate employment, including the job title, name of employer, and inclusive dates of employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.
 - Policy Director, Telecommunications, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, January 2023-present *
 - Legislative Counsel, U.S. Senator Roy Blunt, August 2021-January 2023 **
 - FCC Attorney on Detail, House Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 2021-August 2021 **
 - Attorney Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, January 2021-April 2021 **
 - Wireline Advisor, Office of Commissioner Michael O'Rielly, Federal Communications Commission, September 2018-January 2021 **
 - Legal Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, September 2017-September 2018 **
 - Legal Fellow, Center for the Economics of the Internet, Hudson Institute, July 2015-September 2017 **
 - Intern, Federalist Society, May 2010-August 2010

* Denotes management-level job that is relevant to the position for which I have been nominated.

****** Denotes non-managerial job that is relevant to the position for which I have been nominated.

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

See Attachment A.

10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above after 18 years of age.

None.

11. List all positions held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business, enterprise, educational, or other institution.

None.

12. List all memberships you have had after 18 years of age or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religiously affiliated organization, private club, or other membership organization (You do not have to list your religious affiliation or membership in a religious house of worship or institution). Include dates of membership and any positions you have held with any organization. Please note whether any such club or organization restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

Federalist Society

- I have been a member since 2016.
- I have been a member of Telecommunications & Electronic Media Practice Group Executive Committee since 2017.

Federal Communications Bar Association

• I have been a member periodically since 2017.

Massachusetts Bar

• I have been a member in active standing since 2016.

Conservative Party of Canada

• Before moving to the U.S. in 2011, I was a member periodically since approximately 2004.

None of these groups restricts membership on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, nonelected, or appointed)? If so, indicate whether any campaign has any outstanding debt, the amount, and whether you are personally liable for that debt.

No.

14. List all memberships and offices held with and services rendered to, whether compensated or not, any political party or election committee within the past ten years. If you have held a paid position or served in a formal or official advisory position (whether compensated or not) in a political campaign within the past ten years, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, year of the campaign, and your title and responsibilities.

None.

15. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$200 or more for the past ten years.

Trump 47 Committee (October 8, 2024) - \$600

• The FEC website lists this donation twice, once under "Trump 47 Committee, Inc." and again under "Never Surrender, Inc." However, I made a single \$600 donation to the Trump 47 Committee on Oct. 8, 2024.

Trump National Committee (July 17, 2024) - \$1800

• The FEC website breaks this single \$1800 donation into multiple entries: one for "Trump National Committee JFC, Inc." and separate donations to "Never Surrender, Inc." (\$1620) and the "Republican National Committee" (\$180). I only made a single \$1800 donation to the Trump National Committee on July 17, 2024.

Additional donations on July 13, 2024

• The FEC website also lists donations totaling \$1800 on July 13, 2024. These included a \$180 donation to the Republican National Committee and a \$1620 donation to Never Surrender. I mistakenly made these donations under my maiden name (Arielle Rabinovitch) and cancelled them immediately after realizing the error.

- 16. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.
 - Koch Summer Fellow (2010)
 - High Distinction, University of Toronto (2008)
- 17. List all books, articles, columns, letters to the editor, Internet blog postings, or other publications you have authored, individually or with others. Include a link to each publication when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the publication when available.

"Turning Down the Heat on Net Neutrality: A View from Our Northern Neighbor," Arielle Roth (July 15, 2017),

https://www.hudson.org/economics/turning-down-the-heat-on-net-neutralitya-view-from-our-northern-neighbor

"The Disingenuous Campaign Against Media Consolidation," Arielle Roth, Washington Examiner (June 2, 2017), <u>https://www.hudson.org/economics/the-disingenuous-campaign-against-media-consolidation</u>

"Corrosive Legal Uncertainty Remains after DC Circuit's Rehearing Denial in 'Net Neutrality' Case," Arielle Roth, Washington Legal Foundation Legal Pulse (May 12, 2017), <u>https://www.hudson.org/economics/corrosive-legal-</u> <u>uncertainty-remains-after-dc-circuit-s-rehearing-denial-in-net-neutrality-case</u>

"A Communications Reform Priority: Curtailing FCC Ancillary Jurisdiction Under Telecom Act § 706," Arielle Roth, Washington Legal Foundation Critical Issues Working Paper Series (Feb. 2017), <u>https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.hudson.org/files/publications/201702RothW</u> <u>P.pdf</u>

"How a Trump FCC Could Deregulate the Communications Sector," Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Arielle Roth, Forbes Online (Nov. 10, 2016), <u>https://www.hudson.org/economics/how-a-trump-fcc-could-deregulate-thecommunications-sector</u> "Sixth Circuit Protects Federalism from an Overreaching Federal Communications Commission," Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Arielle Roth, Washington Legal Foundation Legal Pulse (Aug. 18, 2016), <u>https://www.hudson.org/economics/sixth-circuit-protects-federalism-from-anoverreaching-federal-communications-commission</u>

"Three Issues to Watch as the FCC Writes Privacy Rules for Broadband Companies," Arielle Roth, American Bar Association Administrative and Regulatory Law News (Aug. 15, 2016), https://www.hudson.org/economics/three-issues-to-watch-as-the-fcc-writes-

privacy-rules-for-broadband-companies

"How the FCC's Proposed Privacy Rules Would Create a False Sense of Consumer Privacy," Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Arielle Roth, Forbes Online (March 31, 2016), <u>https://www.hudson.org/economics/how-the-fcc-s-proposedprivacy-rules-would-create-a-false-sense-of-consumer-privacy</u>

"Why the FCC's Proposed Privacy Rules Would Hurt Consumers," Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Arielle Roth, Forbes Online (March 14, 2016), <u>https://www.hudson.org/economics/why-the-fcc-s-proposed-privacy-rules-would-hurt-consumers</u>

"How the FCC Betrayed America's Faith in the Rule of Law," Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Arielle Roth, Forbes Online (March 2, 2016), <u>https://www.hudson.org/economics/how-the-fcc-betrayed-america-s-faith-in-the-rule-of-law</u>

"Tim Cook's Sleight of Hand," Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Arielle Roth, Forbes Online (Feb. 24, 2016), <u>https://www.hudson.org/national-security-</u> <u>defense/tim-cook-s-sleight-of-hand</u>

"Answering Four Questions on the Anniversary of the Telecommunications Act of 1996," Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Arielle Roth, Federal Communications Law Journal (Feb. 12, 2016), <u>http://www.fclj.org/wpcontent/uploads/2016/01/68.1.2-HFR-Comment.pdf</u>

"Racial Diversity Lawsuit Exposes Lawless FCC," Arielle Roth, CapX (Feb. 8, 2016), <u>https://www.hudson.org/economics/racial-diversity-lawsuit-exposes-lawless-fcc</u>

"Net Neutrality's Religious Freedom Problem," Arielle Roth, CapX (Jan. 12, 2016), <u>https://www.hudson.org/technology/net-neutrality-s-religious-freedom-problem</u>

"Why Mark Zuckerberg Should Beware of the FCC," Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Arielle Roth, Forbes Online (Dec. 11, 2015), <u>https://www.hudson.org/economics/why-mark-zuckerberg-should-beware-of-the-fcc</u>

"Why ISIS Celebrates the FCC's Network Neutrality Rules," Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Arielle Roth, CapX (Dec. 4, 2015), <u>https://www.hudson.org/national-security-defense/why-isis-celebrates-the-fcc-</u> <u>s-network-neutrality-rules</u>

"FCC Should Not Remain Silent on Berkeley's Junk-Science Wireless Warnings," Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Arielle Roth, Washington Legal Foundation Legal Pulse (Oct. 9, 2015),

https://www.hudson.org/technology/fcc-should-not-remain-silent-on-berkeleys-junk-science-wireless-warnings

"Constitutional Challenges to Dodd-Frank," Arielle Rabinovitch, the Antitrust Bulletin (Dec. 1, 2013),

https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003603X1305800406?journalC ode=abxa

18. List all speeches, panel discussions, and presentations (e.g., PowerPoint) that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Include a link to each publication when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the speech or presentation when available.

Mobile World Congress, Wireless Leadership on the Hill: Panel (Oct. 8, 2024)

- Panelist
- Video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_chxilRKKE</u>

Federalist Society, "The Broadband Economy – \$42 Billion Infusion and a Newly-Minted Biden FCC: What lies ahead?" (June 11, 2024)

- Panelist
- Video: <u>https://fedsoc.org/events/the-broadband-economy-42-billion-infusion-and-a-newly-minted-biden-fcc-what-lies-ahead</u>

Federalist Society, "Consumers' Research v. FCC and the Legality of the Universal Service Fund Contribution Regime" (July 19, 2022)

- Moderated panel discussion
- Video: <u>https://fedsoc.org/events/consumers-research-v-fcc-and-the-legality-of-the-universal-service-fund-contribution-regime</u>

NTCA Telecom Executive Policy Summit, FCC Staff Panel Discussion (Nov. 18, 2019)

- Panelist
- Recording not available.
- 19. List all public statements you have made during the past ten years, including statements in news articles and radio and podcasts and television appearances, which are on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated, including dates. Include a link to each statement when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the statement when available.

To my knowledge, I have not made any public statements that fit this category.

20. List all digital platforms (including social media and other digital content sites) on which you currently or have formerly operated an account, regardless of whether or not the account was held in your name or an alias. Include the full name of an "alias" or "handle", including the complete URL and username with hyperlinks, you have used on each of the named platforms. Indicate whether the account is active, deleted, or dormant. Include a link to each account if possible.

X: @ArielleRoth, <u>https://x.com/ArielleRoth</u> (active)

Facebook: Arielle Roth, <u>https://www.facebook.com/arielle.roth.9/</u> (active)

Instagram: ariellerabroth, <u>https://www.instagram.com/ariellerabroth</u> (active)

LinkedIn: Arielle Roth, <u>https://www.linkedin.com/in/arielle-roth-868b8522</u> (active)

21. Please identify each instance in which you have testified orally or in writing before Congress in a governmental or non-governmental capacity and specify the date, committee, and subject matter of each testimony.

I have never testified orally or in writing before Congress.

22. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency/commission/corporation to which you have been nominated, what in your background or employment experience do you believe affirmatively qualifies you for appointment to the position for which you have been nominated, and why do you wish to serve in that position?

Having served in senior roles in Congress and the FCC over the past decade, I bring significant experience and understanding of the policy issues facing our nation today with respect to broadband connectivity, spectrum policy, and technological innovation. As Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, I would be honored to promote connectivity and free expression, advance U.S. technology leadership, and protect the interests of taxpayers.

23. What do you believe are your responsibilities, if confirmed, to ensure that the department/agency/commission/corporation has proper management and accounting controls, and what experience do you have in managing a large organization?

If confirmed, I will work to ensure that NTIA operates efficiently and effectively to protect the interests of American taxpayers, including by promptly addressing recommendations and deficiencies identified by the Inspector General of the Department of Commerce and the Government Accountability Office. I believe that my experience with the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, managing staff and balancing the interests of members and outside parties with business before the Committee, will help me lead the agency effectively.

- 24. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency/commission/corporation, and why?
 - 1. *Finishing the job of connecting all Americans to broadband internet*: Congress allocated a historic amount of funding to NTIA in the

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to connect Americans to broadband and it is incumbent on the agency to ensure that this funding is spent effectively, consistent with the law as written by Congress.

- 2. Unlocking the potential of our nation's spectrum resources while protecting national security: As the President's primary advisor on spectrum, strong leadership from NTIA is key to our nation's economic prosperity, technology leadership, and security.
- 3. *Restoring America's leadership at international telecommunications standard-setting bodies*: NTIA has a critical role to play in developing U.S. positions at the International Telecommunications Union and World Radiocommunication Conference and ensuring international spectrum decisions are driven by U.S. interests—not those of our adversaries.

B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

 Describe all financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, and other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. Please include information related to retirement accounts, such as a 401(k) or pension plan.

I have no such financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, or other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. My only pension arrangements are through my federal government service.

2. Do you have any commitments or agreements, formal or informal, to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association, or other organization during your appointment? If so, please explain.

None.

3. Indicate any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which could involve potential conflicts of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the U.S. Office of Government Ethics and the Department of Commerce's Designated

Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts of interest. If confirmed, any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of the ethics agreement I have entered into with the Department's Designated Agency Ethics Official.

4. Describe any business relationship, dealing, or financial transaction which you have had during the last ten years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that could in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the U.S. Office of Government Ethics and the Department of Commerce's Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts of interest. If confirmed, any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of the ethics agreement I have entered into with the Department's Designated Agency Ethics Official.

5. Identify any other potential conflicts of interest and explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

I am not aware of any other potential conflicts of interest.

6. Describe any activity during the past ten years, including the names of clients represented, in which you have been engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation or affecting the administration and execution of law or public policy.

None, except in my role as a Congressional staffer.

C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics, professional misconduct, or retaliation by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, the Office of Special Counsel, an Inspector General, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group?

No.

If yes:

- a. Provide the name of the court, agency, association, committee, or group;
- b. Provide the date the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action was issued or initiated;
- c. Describe the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action;
- d. Provide the results of the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action.
- 2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, municipal, or foreign government entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Have you or any business or nonprofit of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding, criminal proceeding, or civil litigation? If so, please explain.

No.

4. Have you ever been convicted (including pleas of guilty or *nolo contendere*) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

5. Have you ever been accused, formally or informally, of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis? If so, please explain.

No.

6. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be disclosed in connection with your nomination.

None.

D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE

1. Will you ensure that your department/agency/commission/corporation complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees, and that your department/agency/commission/corporation endeavors to timely comply with requests for information from individual Members of Congress, including requests from members in the minority?

If confirmed, I would work diligently with my staff to ensure compliance with deadlines and requests for information.

2. Will you ensure that your department/agency/commission/corporation does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistleblowers from reprisal for their testimony and disclosures?

Yes.

3. Will you cooperate in providing the Committee with requested witnesses, including technical experts and career employees, with firsthand knowledge of matters of interest to the Committee?

Yes.

4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?

Yes.



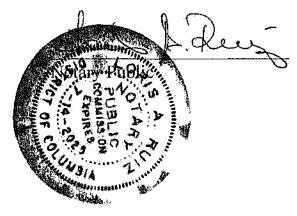
(Nominee is to include this signed affidavit along with answers to the above questions.)

F. AFFIDAVIT

<u>Acielle</u> Roth being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.

Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this $\frac{28}{8}$ day of $\frac{160}{20}$, 2025.



Attachment A

Arielle Roth

Security clearance: TS/SCI (active)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION CHAIRMAN TED CRUZ, Washington, DC

Policy Director, Telecommunications, January 2023-present

- Lead staffer for Sen. Cruz's telecommunications and broadband policy agenda during both his tenure as Ranking Member (January 2023-January 2024) and Chairman (January 2024-present).
- Managed telecom committee staff's stakeholder engagement, oversight letters, reports, legislative drafting, and markup and hearing preparation; assisted other Senate offices in drafting and negotiating telecom legislation and shepherding bills through Congress; and advanced key pieces of Sen. Cruz's telecom agenda.

OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR ROY BLUNT, Washington, DC

Legislative Counsel, September 2021-December 2022

 Led Senator Blunt's work on the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, including the introduction, mark up, and passage of the Low Power Protection Act (PL 117-344).

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE, Washington, DC

FCC Attorney on Detail, Communications and Technology Subcommittee, April-August 2021

• Assisted committee staff in drafting legislation, conducting oversight, and preparing for hearings.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, Washington, DC

Legal Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, September 2017-August 2018 Office of Commissioner Michael O'Rielly, September 2018-December 2020

- Advised Commissioner O'Rielly on wireline and consumer protection issues before the Commission.
- Drafted and edited speeches, meeting statements, blog posts, press releases, and letters, and negotiated with Commission staff on key items before the FCC.

HUDSON INSTITUTE, Washington, DC

Legal Fellow, Center for the Economics of the Internet, July 2015-July 2017

• Authored and co-authored articles on telecommunications law and regulation under the supervision of Center Director Harold Furchtgott-Roth (no relation).

EDUCATION

McGILL UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW, Montreal, Canada

LL.B. & B.C.L., June 2012

• Visiting Student, Georgetown University Law Center, Fall 2011

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

B.A. (Hon. with high distinction), Philosophy, June 2008

ADMITTED TO THE MASSACHUSETTS BAR, December 27, 2016-present