

## **A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used): Taylor Ross Jordan
2. Position to which nominated: Assistant Secretary of Commerce for  
Environmental Observation and Prediction
3. Date of Nomination: February 11, 2025
4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):

Home: [REDACTED]

Office: [REDACTED]

5. Date and Place of Birth: Longview, Texas (Gregg County), August 7, 1987
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).

Not married.

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.

University of North Texas, Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, 2006-2010.

Johns Hopkins University, Master of Science in Energy and Climate Policy, 2013-2014.

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.

U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
– Professional Staff Member, 2011 – 2018.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Senior Policy Advisor,  
2018-2020.

Innovative Federal Strategies – Principal, 2021 – Present.

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

Attached.

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.

American Meteorological Society

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, non-elected, 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.

Don Bacon for Congress, 10/21/2024 - \$260.25  
Trump National Committee JFC, 09/06/2024 - \$260.25  
Chuck Fleischmann, 4/17/2024 - \$500.00  
Hal Rogers, 03/12/2024 - \$500.00  
Tom Cole, 06/11/2024 - \$500.00  
Dale Strong, 6/12/2024 - 100.00  
Trump Victory, 09/29/2020 - \$250.00  
Trump Victory, 2/24/2020 - \$1041.98

16. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

American Council on Germany, McCloy Fellowship on Global Trends,  
October 2016. Berlin, Germany

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.

None.

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.

American Meteorological Society, Congressional Panel, 2016  
American Meteorological Society, Congressional Panel, 2017  
American Meteorological Society, Congressional Panel, 2019

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.

None.

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.

Twitter: [www.x.com/thegreatesthoax](https://www.x.com/thegreatesthoax)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/thegreatesthoax](https://www.instagram.com/thegreatesthoax)

LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/in/taylor-jordan-5915b94a](https://www.linkedin.com/in/taylor-jordan-5915b94a)

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.

None.

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?

My 14 years of experience in Washington DC have been centered on expert knowledge of NOAA and its various programs. My work at the House Science Committee as the Professional Staff Member overseeing NOAA, and working directly at NOAA as the Senior Policy Advisor, qualify me for this appointment. Since leaving NOAA and the Federal Government, I have advocated on behalf of private sector companies and nonprofits that work closely with NOAA. My experience working with NOAA at three different vantage points give me a unique perspective and understanding of NOAA’s mission. If I am confirmed for this role, I wish to serve my country again in Federal Government and ensure that critical programs at NOAA serve the American people.

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?

NOAA's mission is to protect lives and property. It does so through accurate and timely weather forecasts. It is the responsibility of NOAA leadership to ensure NOAA operates efficiently and effectively to produce lifesaving forecasts. My responsibility as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction will be to work closely with NOAA line offices to provide leadership and help manage infrastructure and assets. In my experience working on the House Science Committee, I had the opportunity work with staff and Members from the entire U.S. House of Representatives to craft legislation and conduct oversight on many environmental issues. During my time at NOAA, I had the opportunity to work with countless scientists and policy experts on issues of national importance, and help push policy and consensus forward to improve agency success for the American people.

24. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency/commission/corporation, and why?

NOAA must face many challenges in the coming years. 1) NOAA must ensure that its weather modelling and prediction capabilities remain accurate and timely to protect American lives and property. NOAA has long been a global leader in weather forecasting but has not kept pace with international progress in recent years. 2) NOAA must ensure it manages its data portfolio and associated infrastructure in a responsible manner that is consistent with operational agency needs. NOAA relies on vast networks of data and technologies that underpin accurate weather forecasts. These systems should be scaled and improved to increase accuracy and benefit to the American taxpayer. 3) NOAA must ensure it manages costs and budget for large acquisitions such as its satellite systems and potential future radar recapitalization efforts. Historically, NOAA satellite programs have cost tens of billions of dollars. While these systems remain critical, their portion of NOAA's budget strains other operational mission functions. In the coming years, NOAA will likely need to budget for next-generation weather radar replacements and other large assets.

## **B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

1. 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.

Innovative Federal Strategies (IFS) maintains a profit-sharing (retirement) plan and makes contributions based on a formula recommended by a Third-Party Administrator. I am due a contribution for my employment in 2024 that totals \$17,836.50. I expect that contribution will be made to my profit-sharing account in June or July of 2025. I will not be due a contribution for my employment in calendar year 2025 based on the plan requirements.

IFS' outside counsel has advised the firm during my nomination process, and I have de-registered from lobbying activities as of March 31, 2025 concurrent with my agreement with IFS not to make lobbying contacts.

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.

I have no formal or informal commitments or agreements to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association, or other organization during my appointment.

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.

As part of my duties at Innovative Federal Strategies, I have advocated and lobbied the legislative branch and executive branch, including NOAA, on behalf of several companies. I will engage with counsel at the agency to determine where it is appropriate and necessary for me to recuse myself from matters involving Innovative Federal Strategies and/or its current or former clients with whom I worked. I will routinely engage with General Counsel to ensure I remain compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

I do not hold any other investments, obligations, or liabilities that could involve a potential conflict of interest.

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.

As part of my duties at IFS over the last four years, I lobbied on behalf of the firm's clients for issues related to NOAA. Clients of the firm enter into agreements to provide lobbying services that interact with Congressional offices as well as the Executive branch.

I will engage with NOAA ethics officials during my appointment to determine where it is appropriate to recuse myself from certain contractual issues that involve companies that I lobbied on behalf of during my tenure at IFS.

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 that have not otherwise been disclosed.



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.

During my time at IFS, I have lobbied on behalf of multiple clients of the firm, primarily during the Congressional Appropriations process. I have lobbied for the below companies at various points over the last four years:

- AccuWeather
- Arianespace
- Association for the Advancement of AI
- Care Weather Technologies
- Covax
- Ethereal Space
- Exail Inc.
- FLYHT
- GreenSight Inc.
- Ideanomics
- Interos
- KSAT
- Lynker
- Meetkai Inc.
- Ocean Power Technologies
- Orbital Micro Systems
- Phoenix Operations
- PlanetiQ
- Research and Education Coalition for Ocean Science
- SmallSat Alliance
- Spatial Informatics Group
- Spire Global

- Stephenson Technologies Corporation
- Ultra Safe Nuclear
- WindBorne Systems
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- Xerox Corp
- Xplore

## 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

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.

Yes, in 2007 I was arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana during my freshman year of college. I was ordered to do community service and probation. I have since had my record expunged, however I do continue to list this offense on my SF-86 documentation. I have no other offenses.

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?

Yes.

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.

# TAYLOR ROSS JORDAN

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Principal Innovative Federal Strategies**

**01/2021 – Present  
Washington, DC**

- Advised clients and companies on a wide range of federal matters, including space policy, spectrum management, supply chain risk management, cybersecurity, atmosphere, climate, and environmental issues.
- Developed and implemented Congressional strategies for engagement during the annual Appropriations process. Carried out strategies by engaging Member offices, Committee staff, agency personnel, and subject matter experts.
- Supported robust engagement across the entire federal ecosystem for client priorities and programs.
- Produced briefings, issue papers, technical amendments, testimony, and Appropriations/Authorizations Committee request forms.
- Strengthened clients' political impact through targeted engagement with strategic stakeholders.
- Tracked, in real-time, pertinent legislation affecting client priorities and worked with Congressional supports to obtain favorable outcomes.

### **Senior Policy Advisor**

**U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**01/2018 – 12/2020  
Washington, DC**

*Security Clearance: Top Secret – Secret Compartmented Information (TS/SCI)*

- Advised the Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere (NOAA Administrator) on all political and policy priorities, strategies, and opportunities.
- Oversaw budget formulation and allocation of resources to implement and carry out policy objectives of the Administration, including improvement and investment in weather forecasting, emerging technologies, and next generation satellite architecture.
- Worked closely with Secretary of Commerce to develop and implement Department-wide budget priorities.
- Managed top Agency programs and priorities such as supporting the Blue Economy, reducing the seafood trade deficit, and sparking space innovation.
- Engaged with stakeholder communities, including the weather enterprise, satellite industry, and commercial fishermen, to promote and build support for Agency goals and objectives.

### **Professional Staff**

**U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology**

**01/2011 – 12/2017  
Washington, DC**

- Served as environmental subject matter expert for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Global Change Research Program, Environmental Protection Agency, and other Executive Branch science activities.
- Led hearings, legislation, and oversight related to environmental regulations, climate change, and research and development programs.
- Developed policy agendas, legislation, speeches, opinion editorials, and Committee reports for Members of Congress on energy and environment issues.
- Advised Members of Congress on legislative policies and strategies.

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## EDUCATION

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**M.S., Johns Hopkins University, Energy and Climate**

**12/2014**

**B.A., University of North Texas, International Relations**

**12/2010**

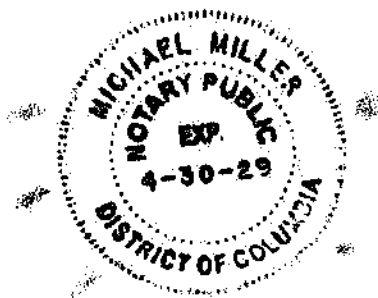
**F. AFFIDAVIT**

Taylor Jordan 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.

  
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Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 15 day of MAY, 2025.

Michael Miller  
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Notary Public



## **Addendum to the questionnaire submitted to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, 119<sup>th</sup> Congress by Taylor Jordan.**

Upon further review, I have identified additional pieces of information that are responsive to questions on the Committee's questionnaire. They are:

### **Minority Questions:**

- **A.15** – We have identified political contributions that appear to be from Mr. Jordan and not disclosed. See below. Please conduct a thorough search and provide a supplement as appropriate.
  - Never Surrender, Inc., 9/6/24 - \$234
  - Donald J. Trump for President, 9/29/20 - \$500 (questionnaire discloses a contribution in this amount/date only to “Trump Victory”)
  - Donald J. Trump for President, 2/24/20 - \$1,041 (questionnaire discloses a contribution in this amount/date only to “Trump Victory”)

- **Clarification:** Each of these contributions were disclosed on my questionnaire submission to the Committee. The FEC website indicates that the “Never Surrender” contribution and my disclosure of “Trump National Committee JFC” occurred on the same date, 9/6/2024. I only made one contribution on that day, which I have confirmed on my bank statement and was charged the previously disclosed amount of \$260.25. The discrepancy of amounts between the two listings may be the result of selecting the option for the contributor to cover the credit card fee associated with the contribution. Regardless, one donation was made on this date.

The 09/29/2020 contribution to “Trump Victory” is listed on the FEC website as “Trump Victory” in the disclosed amount of \$250. I do not see another contribution with this date amounting to \$500. Likewise for the 02/24/2020 contribution, the FEC website lists the same disclosed amount of \$1041.98 two times, one to Trump Victory and one to Donald J. Trump for President Inc. I only made one contribution on this date and the entities are the same.

- **A.19** – We identified public statements attributable to Mr. Jordan in the past ten years relevant to his nomination that were not disclosed. See here: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/capital-weather-gang/wp/2016/12/12/a-decades-long-tri-state-water-war-killed-a-bipartisan-weather-bill-on-friday/>. Please confirm, determine if there are other responsive materials, and provide a supplement as appropriate.
  - **Clarification:** I confirm that I am quoted in this article. This article was written while the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act was being negotiated between the House and the Senate nearly 9 years ago.

I am also including another article from 8 years ago. This article is a staffer profile piece that does not discuss NOAA. Link: <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/1552741/congressional-staffer-profile-for-taylor-jordan-slashing-epa-regs-is-music-to-his-ears/>



### Majority Questions:

- **A.6** – Please disclose the name of your fiancé, her employer, and her position in response to Part A, Question 6.
  - **Clarification:** My fiancée's name is Minsu Crowder-Han. Her position is UK Program Manager, Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.
- **A.12** – You said you have been a member of the American Meteorological Society since 2024. Please disclose that in response to Part A, Question 12.
  - **Clarification:** While I have participated in several American Meteorological Society (AMS) panels over the years, I was not an official dues paying member. I became an official member of AMS in December 2023.
- **C.4** – Please supplement your response to Part C, Question 4 so that it is consistent with Part C, Question 2.
  - **Clarification:** Yes, my misdemeanor offense listed in C.2 is my only offense and I pleaded guilty.

The undersigned certifies that the information contained in the public addendum is true and correct.

Signed  Date: June 6, 2025