

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION**

Full Committee

Nominations Hearing

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 10:30 A.M.

REPUBLICAN QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Robert Harvey

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SENATOR MARSHA BLACKBURN (R-TN)

1. As an FMC Commissioner, can you commit to implementing the FMC's authorities as written by Congress and holding true to the Commission's foundational principles, which focus on being a nondiscriminatory regulator for the common carriage of goods in the foreign commerce of the United States?

Answer: Yes

2. Freight forwarders and other Ocean Transport Intermediaries fill a crucial role in the American supply chain by helping American small, medium and large businesses efficiently move cargo via ocean. How do you view the FMC's role in empowering these Ocean Transport intermediaries to help American small and medium business compete?

Answer: To be mindful of the regulatory burdens and cost of compliance on American small, medium, and large businesses who efficiently move cargo via ocean, when exercising FMC's regulatory responsibilities.

3. There are many parties in ocean transportation that are essential to a well-run national economy. Shippers, Consignees, Freight forwarders/OTIs, and the carriers themselves as well as custom-house brokers. If your nomination proceeds, would you support outreach to and listening to feedback from the industry to enhance compliance with existing regulations and to improve the competitiveness of American small and medium businesses?

Answer: Yes

SENATOR TED BUDD (R-NC)

1. The FMC currently has a case before it involving intermodal chassis that has been going on for over five years. The Commission's ALJ dismissed the remaining issues in the case nearly a year ago. Once confirmed, will you commit to promptly looking into this case and ending the prolonged uncertainty its reaming open has caused?

Response: Yes