

Senate Commerce Committee Nominee Questionnaire, 116th Congress

Instructions for the nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation asks you to provide typed answers to each of the following questions. It is requested that the nominee 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 the nominee. Return printed answers to Committee. Begin each section (i.e., "A", "B", etc.) on a new sheet of paper.

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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

Nancy Beth Beck

2. Position to which nominated:

Chair and Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission

3. Date of Nomination: March 16, 2020

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

Home:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Office:

US EPA
3101-M
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

5. Date and Place of Birth:

May 5, 1966, New York, NY

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

Not applicable

7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended.
 - Ph.D. Environmental Health, University of Washington, 1998
 - M.S. Environmental Health, University of Washington, 1992
 - B.S. Microbiology, Cornell University, 1988

8. List all post-undergraduate employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.
 - **National Economic Council**, Executive Office of the President, June 2019- present
Policy Advisor, on detail under the leadership of NEC Director Larry Kudlow
 - **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**, May 2017-present
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
 - **American Chemistry Council**, Jan. 2012- April 2017
Senior Director of Regulatory Science Policy
 - **Office of Management and Budget**, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Executive Office of the President, Aug. 2002-Jan. 2012
Toxicologist/Risk Assessor/Policy Analyst
 - **AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) Science and Technology Policy Fellow**, Sept. 2000-Aug. 2002
Fellow, US EPA, National Center for Environmental Assessment
 - **Washington State Department of Health**, Office of Environmental Assessments, Feb. 1999-July 2000
Toxicologist/Public Health Advisor
 - **Estee Lauder Companies**, Aug. 1988-Sept. 1990
Microbiologist/Research scientist

9. Attach a copy of your resume.
See 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, within the last ten years.
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 within the last ten years.

- Board of Trustees, Evidence Based Toxicology Collaboration, May 2015-July 2017
- Trustee, Toxicology Education Foundation, 2014-May 2017
- Elected Treasurer, Society of Toxicology, National Capital Area Chapter, Apr 2014- 2017
- Elected Chair, Society of Risk Analysis, Risk Policy and Law Specialty Group, 2015-2016
- Elected Councilor, Society of Toxicology, Risk Assessment Specialty Section, Mar 2012- Mar 2014
- Elected Councilor, Society of Toxicology, Regulatory Safety Evaluation Specialty Section, Mar 2009- Mar 2012

12. Please list each membership you have had during the past ten years or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religiously affiliated organization, private club, or other membership organization. (For this question, 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.

- For the last 10 years I have been a member of the following scientific organizations: Society of Toxicology; American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); Society of Risk Analysis; American Board of Toxicology; Association of Government Toxicologists (until 2012).
- None of the organizations listed above restrict membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.
- Additional positions held are listed in response to question 11 (see above)

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, I have never been a candidate for and/or held a public office

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, not applicable

15. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$500 or more for the past ten years.

None, not applicable

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

- **Fellow, Society of Risk Analysis, Dec. 2018**
 - Selected as a Fellow for substantial achievements in science or public policy relating to risk analysis and substantial service to the Society.
- **American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science and Technology Policy Fellow, Sept. 2000-Aug. 2002**
 - Selected and served at the U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development
- **OMB Cross-Cutting Group Award, July 2011**
 - Award given "For extraordinary efforts to develop and implement responses to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill."
- **OMB Special Achievement Award, July 2009**
 - Award given "For continuing well-grounded scientific analyses that guide policy, initiatives to increase transparency in the presentation of risk values, and leadership of U.S. contributions to the international risk dialogue."

17. Please list each book, article, column, Internet blog posting, or other publication you have authored, individually or with others. Include a link to each publication when possible. Also list any speeches that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Do not attach copies of these publications unless otherwise instructed.

- In my capacity as a federal employee and in the private sector, I have spoken at many scientific conferences and have spoken to many outside parties about science policy and regulatory issues domestically and internationally. Many of these speaking events, as a federal

employee, are listed on my attached resume. In addition, scientific publications are also listed on my resume. This list is complete to the best of my knowledge.

18. List 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 name of an "alias" or "handle" 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.

- Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/nancy.beck.3154?ref=bookmarks>
- Twitter: @NancyB61
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/nancybbeck/>
- Instagram: nancyb477

19. 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 and subject matter of each testimony.

- I have testified before congress once. The date was March 9, 2017, in front of the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management. The topic was "Regarding a Hearing on the Agency Use of Science in the Rulemaking Process: Proposals for Improving Transparency and Accountability"
- A link to my testimony can be found here:
<https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/BECK%20TESTIMONY.pdf>

20. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency 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?

- I have spent the majority of my career in government service helping to improve safety and public health. I have focused not just on the general public, but also in ensuring the protection of susceptible populations, those who may have the greatest risks. The mission of the CPSC is to protect the public against unreasonable risks of injury or death from consumer products through education, safety standards

activities, regulation, and enforcement. My educational training and work experiences make me an exceptional candidate for a leadership position at the CPSC. In addition to my scientific expertise in toxicology, I am a recognized leader in risk assessment--not only in understanding the principles and methodologies, but in implementing risk based programs that are designed to evaluate and regulate unreasonable risks. Having spent 10 years in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), I have a depth and breadth of understanding of the regulatory process that is unmatched by most scientific experts. Coupling my strong understanding of the regulatory process, with my deep understanding of risk evaluation and toxicology, provides me with a strong ability to be an effective leader at the CPSC.

- I wish to serve as Chairman/Commissioner of the CPSC because I know I can contribute greatly to meeting the mission of the CPSC. I have the skills not only to identify unreasonable risks, but to also help ensure that appropriate and permanent regulations are put in place to ensure public health protection. A leader of the CPSC must be able to ensure that the best available science and information are used to inform a science-based evaluation of unreasonable risks. These evaluations must include consideration of our most vulnerable populations, including our children and the elderly. In addition, a CPSC leader needs to be able to take appropriate risk management actions to ensure that unreasonable risks are prevented. The agency must be able to act quickly and deliberatively to protect public health. Finally, a CPSC leader must also be able to communicate both the risks and the preventative solutions to the public. My years of service in state and federal government have provided me with the background, skills, and experiences necessary to be a highly effective leader of the CPSC. I would be honored to serve as chairman and commissioner of the CPSC.

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

- If confirmed, I will be responsible for ensuring the proper management and accounting controls for the CPSC. My 10 years at OMB, the preeminent budget authority within the government, have afforded me the opportunity to understand not only the budget process

but also the importance of strong accounting controls throughout an agency. This includes ensuring that the leadership team of CPSC is properly trained, acting in accordance with all statutory and regulatory requirements, and leading with highest levels of ethical conduct. In my capacity as Deputy Assistant Administrator and Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) within EPA, I led a team of over 1,200 FTE with a program budget of 240 million in appropriated dollars. The full OCSPP budget is greater than the appropriated funds as OCSPP also has fee programs associated with statutory programs (PRIA and FIFRA) that provide additional funds. For 20 months, I was the highest level political appointee overseeing the program and as such was also responsible for insuring the integrity of our financial systems and budgeting processes, including but not limited to grants, contracts, hiring, travel, and other program expenses.

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

Three challenges include:

- 1) Taking appropriate and timely action to protect the public against unreasonable risks associated with consumer products within the CPSC statutory framework;
- 2) ensuring that CPSC has the risk communication and outreach tools to guarantee protection to our most vulnerable populations considering the changing ways through which consumers purchase and receive important information regarding consumer products; and
- 3) ensuring that CPSC programs are running as effectively and efficiently as possible so that CPSC can provide the highest level of protection to consumers and families. This includes ensuring that CPSC has the tools to assess and manage all the data that are used to inform safety determinations.

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.
 - I do have a personal Roth IRA and a contributory IRA.

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.

Not applicable I have no existing commitments or agreements, formal or informal.

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.
 - During the nomination process, I consulted with the Office of Government Ethics and the CPSC's Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts of interest. Any conflicts will be resolved in accordance with the terms of the Ethics Agreement that I have entered into with CPSC's Ethics Official (a copy of which has been provided to the Committee). I am not aware of any other conflicts of interest.
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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.

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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.
- From 2012-2017 I was employed at the American Chemistry Council (ACC) a 501(c)(6). At ACC, I was not a lobbyist. As a technical

expert, I did provide technical assistance and background information to inform legislative proposals regarding chemical safety.

- From 2009-2012 I was at OMB and since May 2017, I have been at EPA. While serving in the government, I have been involved in providing technical assistance on numerous legislative proposals. While serving at EPA I have had responsibility for programs which develop and implement Federal regulations.

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, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If yes:
 - a. Provide the name of 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.

No to all the items above

2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, or municipal entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No to all the items above

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 to all the items above

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 I have never been convicted of any criminal violation

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

No, I have never been accused formally or informally, of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis.

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

No further information to disclose

D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE

1. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees, and that your department/agency 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 does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistle blowers 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?

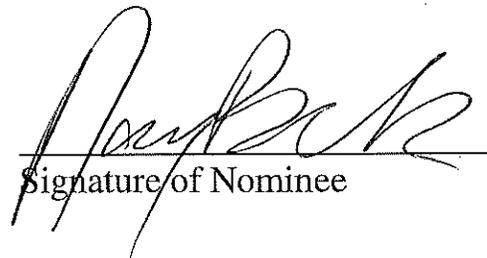
Yes

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

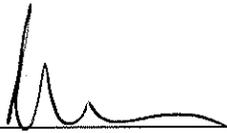
F. AFFIDAVIT

Nancy B. Beck 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 24th day of August, 2020.



Notary Public

DUANE K. HESS
NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
My Commission Expires November 14, 2020

