

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. 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 ensure that sections A through E of the completed questionnaire are in a text searchable format and that any hyperlinks are active and can be clicked. 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): **Gregory Peter Zerzan**
2. Position to which nominated: **General Counsel, USDOT**
3. Date of Nomination: **June 3, 2025**
4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

5. Date and Place of Birth: **Portland, Oregon USA**
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).
Shannon Zerzan
[REDACTED]
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.

Willamette University, BA-Political Science, May 1993
Willamette University, JD, May 1996

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. **(Management Jobs are denoted with as asterisk; Please note dates are approximate)**

Law Clerk:
Kelly Clark, May 1994- March 1995

Legislative Assistant and District Office Assistant:
Congressman Jim Bunn, June 1995- March 1996

Attorney:
Kell Alterman and Runstein, May 1996- September 1996
U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, September 1996-May 2000
Dechert Price and Rhoads, May 2000- August 2000
House Committee on Banking/Financial Services- August 2000-March 2003

Deputy Assistant Secretary*:
U.S. Department of the Treasury, March 2003-July 2005

Chief of Strategy:
Thetus Corporation, September 2005-February 2006

Counsel and Head of Global Public Policy*:
International Swaps and Derivatives Association, March 2006-November 2009

Director:
Koch Companies Private Sector, March 2010-July 2017

Attorney:
House Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 2017-March 2019

U.S. Department of the Interior*, March 2019-January 2021

Jordan Ramis* PC, April 2021-June 2022

**General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer*:
encore Energy Corp, July 2022-November 2023**

**Attorney:
Fisher Phillips LLP, May 2024-January 2025**

U.S. Department of the Interior*, February 2025-present

9. Attach a copy of your resume. **Please see a copy of my current resume at 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. **N/A**

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 (**Please note, dates are approximate**).

Board Member, Commodity Markets Council (2016-2017)

Board Member, CureSMA ((2014-2017)

Board Member, Securities Investor Protection Corporation (2005)

Board Member, Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (2005)

Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel, encore Energy Corp (2022-2023)

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.

Portland, Oregon toastmasters club, 1995-present, membership restricted to males

Sigma Chi Fraternity, 1989-present, membership restricted to males

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. N/A
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.

Volunteer, Donald J Trump for President, 2016-2020-2024

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.

Please see Appendix D

16. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.
Distinguished Service Award, U.S. Treasury, 2005
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.

I have written and published extensively throughout my professional career. For a good faith attempt to gather these records please see Appendix B.

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.
N/A
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.

[They have only themselves to blame for high prices](#)

[Energy prices are a result of policies: Former acting assistant treasury secretary](#)

[Government Regulation Lessons Learned and the Path Forward](#)

[Will gas stoves prevail in the long run?](#)

[The Biden admin has conducted an unprecedented war on fossil fuels: Greg Zerzan](#)

[Americans energy companies don't have oil and gas to export: Greg Zerzan](#)

[Klamath irrigators applaud new guidance on Endangered Species Act](#)

[Interior Department deals new setbacks to offshore wind](#)

[Interior grounds some migratory bird protections](#)

[Interior suspends Biden-era legal opinions](#)

[Trump Administration Executive Order Sets Course for U.S. Mineral Production and Supply Chain Resilience](#)

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.

Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/share/16d1a2yVQp/>

X- <https://x.com/gzerzan?t=yGP-0-kjOBIwcHPj10licg&s=09>

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.

**“Cleaning Up Cryptocurrency: The Energy Impacts of Blockchain,”
House Committee on Energy and Commerce, January 20, 2022**

**Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Policy, House Committee on
Agriculture, June 2, 2004**

**Commodity Exchange Act Policy, House Committee on Agriculture,
September 26, 2007**

**Commodity Exchange Act Policy, House Committee on Agriculture, July
10, 2008**

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?

I have been privileged to serve in senior roles in both the public and private sector and have worked for or with the federal government for most of my career. It has been my honor to work with career federal civil servants and witness firsthand their commitment and dedication to fulfilling the mission of their agency and the U.S. government. I hope to

use this experience to help the Department fulfill its statutory purpose as mandated by Congress, pursuant to the policy direction of President Trump and Secretary Duffy.

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 I am so fortunate as to be confirmed I believe it will be my responsibility to comply with all laws, rules, regulations and best ethical practices. I will work with agency leadership and the career federal workforce to help ensure departmental compliance with the same. I have held senior roles in both the federal government as well as the private sector, including my current duties as acting Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, which has helped me to gain a firm understanding of the needs of managing a federal agency legal department.

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

As I have not been working at the Department, I follow the lead of Secretary Duffy as stated in his response to this question wherein he identified the areas of Aviation Safety and Infrastructure, Infrastructure Development and Management, and Regulation of Emerging Transportation Technologies as the three top issues facing the Department. If I am so fortunate as to be confirmed I would work to support the Secretary in his efforts to remove regulatory barriers to innovation while continuing to ensure safety and security across transportation modes.

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.

I will continue to receive health insurance coverage from my former employer, encore Energy Corp, until December 1, 2025.

I also will continue to participate in a defined benefit plan with my former employer, Koch Industries.

These arrangements are fully described in Part 3 of my Public Financial Disclosure Report.

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.

No.

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 Office of Government Ethics and the Department of Transportation's Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify any potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflicts of interest will continue to be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered into with the Department's Designated Agency Ethics Official and that has been provided to this Committee. I am not aware of any other potential conflicts 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.

In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the Office of Government Ethics and the Department of Transportation's Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify any potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflicts of interest will continue to be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered into

with the Department's Designated Agency Ethics Official and that has been provided to this Committee. I am not aware of any other potential conflicts of interest.

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

In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the Office of Government Ethics and the Department of Transportation's Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify any potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflicts of interest will continue to be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered into with the Department's Designated Agency Ethics Official and that has been provided to this Committee. 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.

Koch Companies Public Sector, registered lobbyist, 2010-2016 (approx.)

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:

1. Provide the name of the court, agency, association, committee, or group;
2. Provide the date the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action was issued or initiated;
3. Describe the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action;
4. Provide the results of the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action. **N/A**

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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, I will respond to such requests for information as appropriate.**

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, I will respond to the Committee's requests as appropriate.**

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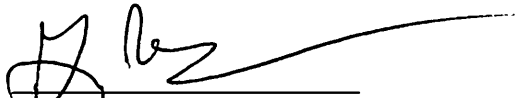
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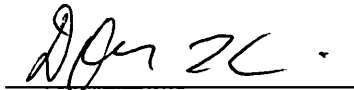
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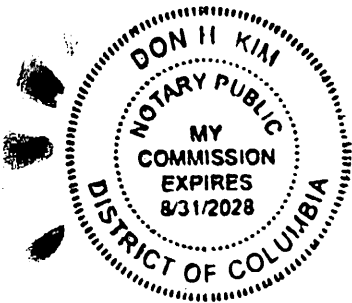
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being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.


Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 25 day of June, 2025.


Notary Public



DON H. KIM
NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
My Commission Expires August 31, 2028

Appendix A
Gregory Zerzan

U.S. GOVERNMENT

U.S. Department of the Interior (March 2019–January 2021; February 2025–Present)

Senior Advisor, Acting Solicitor and Principal Deputy Solicitor

Managing legal officer for a federal agency focused on implementing President Trump’s energy dominance agenda through project development, managing natural resources and reforming environmental policy.

United States House of Representatives, Committees on Financial Services, Agriculture and Energy & Commerce (Variously, 2000-2019)

Senior Counsel

Provided counsel to Members of Congress for congressional committees having jurisdiction in the areas of financial policy, energy, technology and natural resources.

U.S. Department of the Treasury (March 2003–July 2005)

Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary

Policymaking official for financial markets, banking and GSEs.

PRIVATE SECTOR

Fisher Phillips, Dallas, TX and Washington, D.C. (May 2024–January 2025)

Of Counsel and Senior Advisor

Legal practice at multinational law firm.

enCore Energy Corp., Dallas, TX (July 2022–December 2023)

Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Secretary and General Counsel

Managed legal and corporate affairs for NYSE-listed energy company.

Jordan Ramis LLC, Portland, Oregon/Washington, D.C. (April 2021–June 2022)

Shareholder

Partner at Pacific Northwest law firm focused on natural resources, energy, technology and finance.

Koch Industries (March 2010–July 2017)

Director for Finance and Trading

Managed matters related to government affairs and commodity trading compliance

International Swaps and Derivatives Association (March 2006–November 2009)

Head of Global Public Policy and Counsel

Managed government affairs for international financial services trade association.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate, Willamette University College of Law

Bachelor of Arts, Willamette University

BAR ADMISSIONS

Oregon and District of Columbia

APPENDIX B

[Corporate Transparency Act AGAIN Blocked Nationwide – All Filing Deadlines Once Again Suspended as of December 26 | JD Supra](#)

[Court Revives Corporate Transparency Act and Employers Have New January 13 Reporting Deadline: 3 Things Employers Need to Do | JD Supra](#)

[3 Things Employers Need to Know About the Recent Corporate Transparency Act Injunction | JD Supra](#)

[3 Things Employers Need to Know As Congress Returns from Summer Recess | JD Supra](#)

[White House Takes Aim at Inefficient Business Practices Through “Time Is Money” Initiative: 5 Things Employers Should Do | JD Supra](#)

[3 Things Employers Need to Know About the Congressional Review Act and the Upcoming Elections | JD Supra](#)

[FP Snapshot on Manufacturing Industry: New Program Encouraging Corporate Whistleblowing Puts Manufacturers on Notice | JD Supra](#)

[Ignoring BRICS Expansion Threatens America's Economic Security](#)

[To Fight Climate Change, Stop Discouraging American Innovation](#)

[Why Governments Hate Cryptocurrency](#)

[West Coast Offshore Wind Closer to Becoming a Reality](#)

[Why Carbon Pricing Is Ultimately a Tax On Everything](#)

[Biden’s Energy Policies Harm U.S. Producers While Helping America’s Rivals](#)

[Carbon pricing is an economic bomb and a tax on everything](#)

[Yellen Can’t Save the Polar Bears](#)

[More Government Health Care Means A Smaller U.S. Military](#)

[Will Walmart Pay for the Next Bailout?](#)

[Wall Street Reform Hits Main Street](#)

[The Emerging Threat of BRICS](#)

[Dollar is a National Security Issue](#)

[Zombieland](#)

[Do Your Employees Get Time Off to Vote? A State-By-State Guide for Employers](#)

[How Will the Election and Recent Legislative Trends Impact Tipped Wages?](#)

[Crypto Needs a Section 230](#)

[China's 'Digital Yuan' and the Race for a Global Digital Currency](#)

Appendix D

09-19-2022	\$1,000	ABBOTT, GREG (R)	TX
10-18-2022	\$500	Patrick McHenry (R)	Federal
10-05-2022	\$500	Mike Lee (R)	Federal
02-05-2021	\$1,000	PULLIAM, STAN (R)	OR
06-30-2021	\$500	Patrick McHenry (R)	Federal
09-14-2021	\$500	PULLIAM, STAN (R)	OR
09-16-2022	\$1,000	DRAZAN, CHRISTINE (R)	OR
09-30-2023	\$1,000	Bill Huizenga (R)	Federal
06-15-2023	\$500	Bryan Steil (R)	Federal
06-30-2024	\$1,500	Bill Huizenga (R)	Federal
09-30-2023	\$500	Jeff Duncan (R)	Federal
08-18-2022	\$250	Lori Chavez-Deremer (R)	Federal
11-15-2021	\$1,000	Bill Huizenga (R)	Federal
02-09-2022	\$1,500	Bill Huizenga (R)	Federal
06-30-2021	\$500	Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R)	Federal
04-04-2022	\$500	Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R)	Federal
06-13-2023	\$500	Cliff Bentz (R)	Federal
06-29-2024	\$500	Cliff Bentz (R)	Federal
07-26-2024	\$2500	BMW Victory Committee	Federal

**Addendum to the questionnaire submitted to the Senate Committee on
Commerce, Science, and Transportation, 119th Congress by Gregory Zerzan**

Please find additional information as requested by Oversight and Investigations Minority Staff:

A.6 – Please specify whether Mr. Zerzan’s spouse is employed. **My spouse is not employed.**

A.7 – Please specify the dates Mr. Zerzan attended Willamette University for both his JD and bachelor’s degree.

I attended Willamette University from August 1989 until May 1993.

I attended Willamette University College of Law from August 1993 until May 1996.

A.8 – Please provide Mr. Zerzan’s job title in each role as requested in the questionnaire.

(Dates are approximate)

Law Clerk, Kelly Clark, May 1994- March 1995

**Legislative Assistant and District Office Assistant, Congressman Jim Bunn, June 1995-
March 1996**

Associate, Kell Alterman and Runstein, May 1997- September 1997

Counsel, U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, September 1997-May 2000

Associate, Dechert Price and Rhoads, May 2000- August 2000

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Of Counsel, Fisher Phillips LLP, May 2024-January 2025

**Counselor to the Secretary and Principal Deputy Solicitor, U.S. Department of the
Interior, February 2025-present**

A.14 – Mr. Zerzan identified he was a volunteer on the 2016, 2020, and 2024 presidential campaigns for Donald Trump. Please identify responsibilities held as requested in the questionnaire.

Volunteer: 2016- phone banking

Volunteer: 2020- ballot count monitor

Volunteer: 2024- election day counseling

C.1 – Sub-questions a-d were removed. Please revise and submit a supplemental as appropriate.

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.

None

[REDACTED]

The undersigned certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief the information contained in the public addendum is true and correct.

Signed  Date: 6/30/2025