

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 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. 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):

- Harry Haran Kumar

2. Position to which nominated:

- Assistant Secretary for Office of Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs

3. Date of Nomination:

- 3/10/2025

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

- Residence: [REDACTED]

- Office: [REDACTED]

5. Date and Place of Birth:

- 12/15/1987; Houston, Texas

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).
-Alexandra Jasien, Senior Manager, Chanel
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.
 - Texas A&M University, August 2007-May 2010, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, degree granted in May 2010.
 - Texas Tech University School of Law, August 2010-May 2013, Doctor of Jurisprudence, degree granted in May 2013.
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.
 - Public Policy Fellowship, Consumer Energy Alliance (June 2011-August 2011)
 - Attorney, Toeppich & Associates, (September 2013-November 2014)
 - Legislative and Policy Aide, HBW Resources (November 2014-April 2015)
 - Legislative Counsel for Rep. Randy Weber (April 2015-March 2017)
 - Legislative Assistant for Sen. Marco Rubio (March 2017-November 2019)
 - Associate Director of Legislative Affairs at Dept of Commerce (November 2019-January 2021)
 - Director of Government Relations, Li-Cycle (March 2021-January 2025)
 - Senior Advisor, Department of Commerce (January 2025-current)
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.
 - Not applicable
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.

- Not applicable
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.
- Sigma Phi Epsilon, Texas A&M University (April 2008-May 2010)
 - American Swiss Foundation (October 2023 – Present)
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.
- Not applicable
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.
- Not applicable
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.
- Not applicable
16. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.
- Eagle Scout Award Recipient (2006)
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.

-Article: [Developing a Sustainable Advanced-Battery Supply Chain Through Innovative Critical Mineral Recycling](#), Zero Emission Transportation Association (ZETA), 7/19/2021.

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.
 - Panel: Better Batteries: Equity & Environmental Impacts Roadmap Conference, 6/29/2022
<https://www.roadmapforth.org/RM22/speaker/462287/harry-kumar>
 - Presentation: Annual Meeting, National Association of State Energy Officials, 10/2021. No hyperlink available.
 - Panel: Unlocking the Value of Secondary Cobalt, Cobalt Congress 5/14/2024. <https://www.cobaltinstitute.org/programme-2024/>.
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.
 - Not applicable
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.
 - Instagram: @haroldnkumar87; active;
<https://www.instagram.com/haroldnkumar87/>
 - Facebook: Harry Kumar; active;
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=27432578>
 - Twitter: @harrykumar87; active; <https://x.com/HarryKumar87>
 - LinkedIn: Harry Kumar; active; <https://www.linkedin.com/in/harry-kumar-29142585/>

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.

- Not applicable

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 significant experience in legislative and congressional engagement, including prior service at the Department of Commerce in the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs as Associate Director. I also have served in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, so I have had the privilege of working in both chambers and gaining an understanding of the rules and functions of each.

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?

- I believe the responsibilities of this position include advising the Secretary and members of the Commerce organization on the Department's relationships with members of Congress, committees, and staff. Proper management includes ensuring that systems are in place to track incoming congressional requests and ensuring that communication with Congress is always prioritized. My prior experience as Associate Director of Legislative Affairs at the Department of Commerce helped me gain significant experience in understanding the processes and accounting measures needed to ensure the Legislative Affairs Office at Commerce is being responsive to Congress and proactive when possible.

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

-The top three challenges facing the Department are strengthening domestic supply chains and economic security, AI and emerging technology regulation, and trade policy and global economic competition. Regarding domestic supply chains, the U.S. needs to reduce its reliance on foreign sources, particularly China, for advanced manufacturing like semiconductors and critical minerals.

Regarding AI and emerging tech, the Commerce Department plays an important role in ensuring a cohesive strategy is implemented to promote innovation while balancing against strategic geopolitical risks with the use of export controls. Finally, trade policy is an area where the Commerce Department plays a leading role in advising the President on both trade enforcement and promotion.

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 have a Schwab investment account and 401k account that is managed by Schwab investment advisors. I also have a 401k account from my employment with Li-Cycle that is made up of broad-based index investments, and I have not had any interaction with that account since I started at the Department of Commerce.
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.
 - Not applicable
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.
 - Not applicable
5. Identify any other potential conflicts of interest and explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.
 - I have worked with the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) at the Department of Commerce to provide a complete list of my prior employment and finances. In consultation with OGE, I have recused myself from matters pertaining to Li-Cycle where I previously was employed and Chanel where my fiancée is currently employed.
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.

-At Li-Cycle, I worked on policy matters related to clean energy and battery recycling. This included helping provide oral and written feedback on various legislative efforts, including IRA related tax provisions. No work was done specifically to influence the passage or defeat of any bill but was done on a few occasions to provide Li-Cycle's feedback on policy items of interest.

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? 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.

-Not applicable

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, I received citations for a minor in possession of alcohol and for public intoxication in 2007. I was having a beer on a friend's dock at a lake house and game wardens saw us and gave us citations. For my public intoxication ticket, an officer noticed I was under the influence and arrested me. I was charged public intoxication but received deferred adjudication after completing a required alcohol awareness class and community service.

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.

-None

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.

-None besides the above mentioned

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.

-None

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

F. AFFIDAVIT

Harry Kumar 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 April, 2025.



Notary Public

SANDRA E. LAMBRIGHT
NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
My Commission Expires February 29, 2028

HARRY H. KUMAR

EXPERIENCE

The United States Department of Commerce (January 2025-Present)

Washington, D.C.

Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary

- Advise the Secretary on several matters involving Commerce Department equities including corporate outreach, congressional outreach, and policy priorities
- Meet with businesses of all sizes to discuss various Commerce Department policy issues of interest, including trade and telecommunications issues
- Serve as a point of contact for congressional and industry inquiries and help facilitate communication and meetings with the appropriate personnel within the Department

Li-Cycle Holdings (March 2021-January 2025)

Washington, D.C., NYC

Director of Government Relations, Americas

- Advocate and promote for Li-Cycle by leading the company's public policy efforts on all relevant policy areas, including clean energy, tax, trade, labor and related issues before public officials, agencies and regulators
- Established Li-Cycle's political footprint within North America and oversee all related engagement by building direct relationships with Members of Congress and Canadian Parliament, state and local legislators, governor's offices, trade associations, grassroot organizations, and the broader business community
 - Successfully led Li-Cycle efforts to host several high-profile government visitors at its facilities, including Heads of State, Governors, Cabinet Officials, Governors, Senators, and Congressmen
- Collaborate internally and with third party organizations and associations to develop messaging and strategy on key policy issues

The United States Department of Commerce (November 2019-January 2021)

Washington, D.C.

Associate Director for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs (Eligible for Top Secret Clearance)

- Manages and coordinates all interactions of Commerce Department bureaus with the House of Representatives and Senate offices and committees
- Works with senior congressional staff to alter and improve proposed legislation that runs counter to the mission of the Department of Commerce and the Administration at large
- Serves as the interagency legislative point of contact for all matters related to certain bureaus including the International Trade Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Office of Space Commerce
- Coordinates closely and manages oversight inquiries originating from the House of Representatives or Senate with our Office of General Counsel and respective bureaus
- Brief Members of Congress and Congressional staff on relevant issues and policies within the Department of Commerce, including 232 tariffs, anti-dumping and countervailing duty decisions, and duty suspension agreements

United States Senate (March 2017-November 2019)

Washington, D.C.

Legislative Assistant to Senator Marco Rubio

- Acted as the principal advisor to the Senator on telecommunications, transportation, space, consumer protection, FEMA, disaster relief, and flood insurance issues
- Served as Associate Staff for the Senator on the Senate Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Subcommittee
- Acted as the principal advisor to the Senator in his role on the Senate Appropriations Committee on Department of Commerce funding and Department of Homeland Security Agency funding related to the Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Served as the Senator's liaison to constituents, interest groups, committee and agency staffs

- Monitored floor activity and drafted legislation in my portfolio to promote the Senator's domestic agenda

U.S. House of Representatives (April 2015-March 2017)

Washington, D.C.

Legislative Counsel to Congressman Randy Weber

- Collaborated with legislative team to draft and promote federal policy
- Advised and updated Congressman on natural resources, energy science, armed services, homeland security, veterans affairs, intelligence, telecommunications, small business and judiciary issues
- Monitored legislation on the House floor providing Congressman with research on each vote

HBW Resources, LLC (November 2014-April 2015)

Texas/Washington, D.C.

Policy Assistant

- Conducted legal research and analysis of various Congressional and regulatory energy initiatives affecting all areas of the oil and gas supply chain

Steven S. Toeppich & Associates, PLLC (September 2013-November 2014)

Houston, Texas

Attorney

- Represented upstream and midstream energy companies in transactional matters relating to oil and gas exploration, production, distribution and marketing

EDUCATION

Texas Tech University School of Law

Lubbock, Texas

Doctor of Juris Prudence (May 2013)

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, November 2013

Texas A&M University

College Station, Texas

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, cum laude (May 2010)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Eagle Scout Award Recipient