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):

   Leslie Allison Becera (formerly Leslie Parker)

2. Position to which nominated:

   Assistant Secretary of Governmental Affairs

3. Date of Nomination:

   August 7, 2026

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

   [redacted]

   [redacted]

5. Date and Place of Birth:

   [redacted]

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).

Austin Becera, Legislative Assistant, U.S. Rep. Brian Babin

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 Missouri, Columbia, MO (Aug. 2014 - May 2018)
Bachelor or Journalism (2018) and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (2018)

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.

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. DOT (Oct. 2025-Present)**

*Director of Member Services and Coalitions, U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (Jan. 2024-Oct. 2025)**

*Deputy Director of Member Services and Coalitions, U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (Jan. 2023-Jan. 2024)**

*Legislative Assistant, U.S. House Transportation and Committee (July 2021-Jan. 2023)**

Legislative Assistant, U.S. Rep. Sam Graves (Jan. 2019-July 2021)

Legislative Correspondent, U.S. Rep. Sam Graves (May 2018-Jan. 2019)

**Denotes jobs with management-level experience*

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.

Junior League of Washington (Jan. 2019-May 2026)
The Madison of DC (Jan. 2019-Jan. 2025)

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.

Not applicable

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.

Not applicable

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.

Not applicable

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.

Active Instagram: _leslieallison_ and redwhite_andboone
Active Facebook: Leslie Becera
Active X: @Lesparker22
Active Pinterest: lesparker22
Active LinkedIn: Leslie Becera

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?

My career in public service is defined by a deep, continuous commitment to modernizing the nation's infrastructure, enhancing transportation safety, and strengthening our multimodal networks. On Capitol Hill, I served in key legislative roles, playing a direct part in advancing landmark legislation to authorize Federal-aid highway programs, address critical aviation safety and workforce challenges, and improve the nation's port and harbor infrastructure. During my tenure with the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I worked directly on drafting and negotiating major, multi-billion-dollar infrastructure authorizations. Through this work, I developed a sophisticated understanding of the structural mechanisms of the Highway Trust Fund, USDOT discretionary grant programs, statutory requirements, and federal regulatory frameworks. I also carry a deep appreciation for legislative intent, which directly informs my strategic approach and day-to-day decision-making at the Department.

In my current role as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs at USDOT, I have successfully transitioned from legislative design and policy oversight to executive-level implementation and execution. I actively manage the daily, complex intra and inter-governmental dynamics of a cabinet-level agency – ensuring that congressional, state, and local leaders receive proactive communication, timely resources, and clear, accurate guidance from the

Department. Additionally, it is my responsibility to bridge the gap between departmental policy and real-world execution, ensuring our transportation goals are met and that decisions are informed by the needs of each region, state, and local community as shared by their elected representatives.

My desire to serve is driven by the belief that robust, well-managed infrastructure is a cornerstone of American competitiveness. Having helped develop and strengthen infrastructure policies during my time at the committee and in a congressional office, I am deeply motivated to see these policies successfully implemented. I am eager to help lead the Department in tackling our nation's complex transportation challenges, optimizing supply chains, and driving innovation, all while maintaining the highest standards of public trust.

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 confirmed, I believe my primary responsibility regarding management and accounting controls is to foster an organizational culture that prioritizes absolute transparency, compliance, and accountability. The first job of any public servant is to serve as a rigorous steward of public resources - maintaining the highest standards of public trust. In Congress, I managed the intricate, cross-functional processes required to authorize major infrastructure programs – coordinating across 435 congressional offices, hundreds of stakeholders, and relevant executive agencies to drive large-scale initiatives to completion. At USDOT, I directly manage a dedicated team while coordinating across multiple modal administrations to ensure unified, strategic direction and governmental relations for the entire Department. This unique experience has equipped me with the collaborative leadership, strategic judgment, and organizational oversight required to perform the duties of this position successfully. If confirmed, I will leverage this skillset to ensure my office operates efficiently and remains fully accountable to both Congress and the American taxpayer.

24. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency/commission/corporation, and why?
    1. Efficiency and Streamlining – The Department must ensure taxpayers receive the maximum value from transportation infrastructure. The

timely execution of these investments is frequently delayed by complex permitting processes and administrative bottlenecks.
2. Modernizing Air Traffic Control Infrastructure – Accelerating the overhaul of the nation's aging ATC infrastructure is a safety priority.
3. Adaptable Regulatory Frameworks to Meet Modern Needs – The Department must actively review, update, and remove obsolete regulatory burdens to create an environment for new transportation solutions to safely thrive.

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.

   Not applicable

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.

   None.

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 ("DOT") Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved consistent with the terms of an ethics agreement I have entered into with the DOT Designated Agency Ethics Official, which has been provided to this Committee. I am not aware of any other 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

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5. Identify any other potential conflicts of interest and 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.

Not applicable.

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. 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.

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.

No

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.
Not applicable

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



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

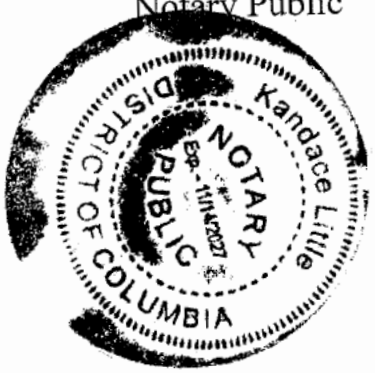
F. AFFIDAVIT

Leslie Becerra 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.

Leslie Becerra
Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 18th day of August, 2026.

Notary Public



Leslie Becera

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | Washington, D.C.
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Governmental Affairs | Oct. 2025-Present

- Executive Leadership: Serves as a key advisor to the Secretary of Transportation and senior departmental leadership on legislative strategy, intergovernmental relations, and policy execution across a cabinet-level agency.
- Agency Coordination: Leads the Department's legislative advocacy, coordinates congressional briefings, and manages complex, high-stakes communication with federal, state, local, and tribal governments.
- Modal Administration Alignment: Drives unified, department-wide strategic alignment by coordinating across multiple modal administrations to ensure consistent, transparent, and legally compliant policy implementation.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE | Washington, D.C.
Director of Member Services | Jan. 2024-Oct. 2025

- Strategic Stakeholder Engagement: Institutionalized proactive, systemic communication protocols for congressional offices to ensure timely grant notifications, improving local awareness of federal grant and infrastructure milestones.
- Coalition & Consensus Building: Designed and executed a comprehensive stakeholder engagement strategy, building a coalition of 500+ aviation leaders to advance the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, and a coalition of 60+ water and maritime stakeholders to secure passage of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024.
- High-Level Facilitation: Spearheaded Member-level roundtables, formal briefings, and listening sessions to negotiate complex policy compromises among diverse, competing intergovernmental priorities.
- Communications Strategy: Designed an executed tailored communication strategies – including district-specific priority letters, legislative welcome packets, and markup focused digital media resources – to help Members effectively translate complex committee wins to their constituents

Deputy Director of Member Services and Coalitions |Nov. 2022-Dec. 2023

- Committee Operations & Oversight: Co-managed daily operational, hearing, and markup workflows for one of the largest standing committees in Congress, ensuring procedural integrity and transparency.
- Capacity Building & Workforce Retention: Developed and implemented comprehensive staff educational curriculum, technical briefings, and policy workshops to enhance institutional knowledge, retain key talent, and maintain administrative oversight.
- Intergovernmental Liaison: Cultivated robust, cooperative relationships between committee leadership, diverse Member offices, and external public interest groups to align localized infrastructure demands with broader national policy goals.

Legislative Assistant | July 2021-Nov. 2022

- Statutory Drafting & Oversight: Drafted key legislative provisions successfully enacted into law under WRDA, providing detailed briefings to the Committee Chairman and Subcommittee Leadership.

- Consensus-Driven Policy Development: Conducted strategic outreach with multi-sector stakeholders—including agricultural, energy, manufacturing, maritime, and state/local officials—to reconcile localized challenges with federal statutory requirements.
- Implementation Monitoring: Led implementation tracking of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), identifying critical oversight opportunities and analyzing administrative bottlenecks in federal grant-delivery frameworks.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Legislative Assistant, Rep. Sam Graves (MO-06) | Jan. 2019-July 2021
Jan. 2019-July 2021

- Policy Portfolio Management: Managed and formulated comprehensive policy portfolios covering Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, Energy, Trade, and Environment.
- Crisis Management & Recovery: Developed a comprehensive legislative and strategic communication response to address the physical infrastructure impacts of the record-breaking Midwest Floods of 2019, successfully coordinating with state, local, and federal emergency management agencies.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI | Columbia, Missouri
Aug. 2014-May 2018

- Bachelor of Journalism in Strategic Communications | Aug. 2014-May 2018
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science | Aug. 2014-May 2018