

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):

Olivia Britt Trusty

2. Position to which nominated:

Commissioner at the Federal Communications Commission

3. Date of Nomination:

February 11, 2025

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

Residence:

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Office:

**228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510**

5. Date and Place of Birth:

**[REDACTED]
Baltimore, Maryland**

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).

Not applicable.

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.

Undergraduate Degree:

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, August 2001 to May 2005, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, Awarded May 2005

Graduate Degree:

Georgetown University, August 2005 to December 2006, Master of Arts Degree in American Government, Awarded December 2006

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.

Qwest Communications, Senior Policy Representative and Government Relations Assistant, May 2006 – April 2010*

Verizon, Senior Consultant and Legislative Assistant, April 2010 – September 2013*

Office of U.S. Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH), Legislative Assistant, September 2013 – September 2014*

U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, Professional Staff Member, October 2014 – April 2017*

**Office of U.S. Senator Roger F. Wicker, Legislative Assistant /
Telecommunications Subcommittee Staff Director, May 2017 – December
2018***

**U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Policy
Director, January 2019 – December 2022****

**U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services, Professional Staff Member /
Cyber Lead, January 2023 – Present****

**Denotes non-managerial job that relates to the position for which I have been
nominated*

***Denotes managerial-level job that relates to the position for which I have been
nominated*

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.

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.

**Gymnastics Teacher – Hill’s Gymnastics, Gaithersburg, MD*
Adjunct Lecturer – Georgetown University, Washington, DC***

**I no longer hold these positions.*

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.

None.

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.

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.

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.

From 2016 to 2024, I have made political contributions to Donald J. Trump for President, WinRed, and the Trump National Committee. The cumulative amount of my contributions to WinRed exceeds \$200. Those contributions are listed below.

11/06/24 – WinRed, \$141.00
10/16/24 – WinRed, \$47.00
07/14/24 – WinRed, \$20.82
08/30/20 – WinRed, \$5.00
07/26/20 – WinRed, \$5.00
06/14/20 – WinRed, \$5.00
05/09/20 – WinRed, \$5.00
12/20/19 – WinRed, \$5.00

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

Athletic scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2001 – 2005)

Eastern Atlantic Gymnastics League All-Academic Team (2001-2005)

NACGC Academic All-America (2004-2005)

Carolina Panthers Graduate Scholarship (2005)

Black Women’s Congressional Alliance Honoree (2023)

Women in Cable Telecommunications “Listen Award” Recipient (2023)

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.

None.

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.

2020 CTIA 5G Summit, Congressional Perspective: What’s Ahead for Washington - <https://www.ctia.org/news/video-congressional-perspective-whats-ahead-for-wireless-in-washington>

2022 FCBA Annual Seminar Congressional Panel

2024 Dynamic Spectrum Alliance Global Summit: Government and Commercial Spectrum Sharing, Creating a Value Proposition for Everyone

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.

None.

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.

X: @obritt3 <https://x.com/obritt3> (active)

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/olivia-trusty-2b850398 (active)

Instagram: @obritttrust <https://www.instagram.com/obritttrust/> (active)

Instagram: @obtrusty <https://www.instagram.com/obtrusty/> (active)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/public/Olivia-Trusty/> (dormant)

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.

None.

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?

For nearly 20 years, I have had the opportunity to work on telecommunications, technology, consumer protection, and national security policy. Every employment experience I have had – which includes over seven years in the private sector and over 11 years on Capitol Hill – involved

working on policy issues that are core to the FCC's mission. If confirmed, I look forward to applying the knowledge and skills I have gained throughout my professional career to advance the availability of affordable, high-speed, reliable, and secure communications services across the country.

I wish to serve at the FCC because I love this country and I have seen the transformational impact that an internet connection can have on individuals, families, and communities. If confirmed, my efforts would be dedicated to ensuring that every American has access to the internet and the opportunity to participate in the 21st Century internet economy.

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, my responsibility would be to carry out the FCC's mission by making sure all Americans have access to communications services. As part of this effort, I would focus on promoting competition, innovation, and investment in U.S. communications networks, while protecting consumers and strengthening network security.

Managing an organization in the U.S. government – large or small – requires strong leadership that is guided by advancing the public interest and a commitment to the law. It also involves setting clear goals, and fostering a culture of transparency and accountability. A willingness to engage with stakeholders of all different backgrounds and perspectives is also critical to effective management and making informed decisions. My management and leadership experiences on the Senate Commerce Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee have helped me to develop skills in each of these areas. They have also helped me find ways to build consensus and identify common ground on policy issues that can be highly technical and politically sensitive in nature. Altogether, my professional background has prepared me to take on more managerial responsibilities at the FCC, if I have the honor of being confirmed.

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 FCC include the following:

Achieving universal connectivity. The cornerstone of the FCC's mission is to make communications services available to all Americans. With the future of the Universal Service Fund in question, it is imperative that the FCC work with Congress to restore predictability and sustainability to the FCC's ability to foster and promote the delivery of affordable, high-speed, and reliable internet services to all Americans.

Strengthening network security. Nation states and malicious cyber actors are targeting United States critical infrastructure, including commercial telecommunications networks, to degrade and disrupt America's economic stability and national security. The FCC has a responsibility to work with private industry and its federal partners throughout the U.S. government to strengthen the cyber defenses of telecommunications networks against increasingly sophisticated and hostile cyber threat actors.

Renewing the FCC's spectrum auction authority. Making spectrum available for commercial use is vital to continued innovation and economic prosperity in the United States, as well as America's global leadership in next-generation communications technologies. The ongoing lapse of the FCC's auction authority severely constrains the Commission's ability to meet the growing spectrum demands of the private sector, risking the nation's economic security and technological leadership abroad. The FCC should work with Congress to renew the FCC's auction authority immediately to reach our economic goals in the United States and remain competitive in the global digital economy.

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 an Individual Retirement Account. I also have a Thrift Savings Plan.

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.

None.

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.

None.

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

None.

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.

I presently serve as a Professional Staff Member on the Senate Committee on Armed Services. I previously served as a Policy Director on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. In both positions, I have been asked for my thoughts on legislative matters pending before Congress, and I have regularly advised Senate offices on communications policy and legislation.

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.

No.

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.

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.

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

F. AFFIDAVIT

Olivia Trusty 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.

Olivia Trusty
Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 3rd day of March, 2025.

Kimberly Tamoka Bowles
Notary Public

