## Senate Commerce Committee Nominee Questionnaire, 117th 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):

#### **Steven Scott Cliff**

2. Position to which nominated:

## Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

3. Date of Nomination:

### October 21, 2021

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

Home:

Office: 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590

5. Date and Place of Birth:

# January 30, 1970. Napa, California

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).

Maureen Michelle Palmer. Genetic Counselor Manager, Natera, Inc. Evelyn Maeve Cliff (daughter) 23 Grayson Palmer Cliff (son) 19

7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended.

# Chemistry B.S., 1992 University of California, San Diego Chemistry Ph.D., 1998 University of California, San Diego

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.

## **Management Level Jobs Related to Nominated Position:**

- 2021-Present: Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- 2017-2021: Deputy Executive Officer, California Air Resources Board
- 2016-2017: Senior Advisor to the Chair, California Air Resources Board (appointed by Governor Jerry Brown)
- 2014-2016: Assistant Director for Sustainability, California Department of Transportation (appointed by Governor Jerry Brown)
- 2013-2014: Assistant Chief, Stationary Source Division, California Air Resources Board
- 2011-2013: Chief, Climate Change Markets Branch—Stationary Source Division, California Air Resources Board
- 2008-2011: Manager, Program Development Section—Office of Climate Change, California Air Resources Board
- 2020-2021: Research Professor II, Air Quality Research Center/Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California-Davis
- 2016-2020: Research Professor I, Air Quality Research Center/Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California-Davis
- 2013-2016: Associate Research Professor IV, Air Quality Research Center/Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California-Davis
- 2011-2013: Associate Research Professor II, Air Quality Research Center/Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California-Davis
- 2009-2011: Associate Research Professor I, Department of Applied Science, University of California-Davis
- 2006-2009: Assistant Research Professor IV, Department of Applied Science, University of California-Davis
- 2007-2008: Admissions Chair-Atmospheric Science Graduate Group, University of California-Davis
- 2003-2006: Assistant Research Professor III, Department of Applied Science, University of California-Davis
- 2001-2003: Assistant Research Professor II, Department of Applied Science, University of California-Davis

# Non-Management Level Jobs:

- 2008: Air Pollution Specialist—Office of Climate Change, California Air Resources Board
- 2004-2020: Approved Program Coordinator— Advanced Light Source BL 10.3.1, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

- 2003-2021: Atmospheric Science Graduate Group faculty member, University of California-Davis
- 2001-2004: Beamline Scientist and Primary Research Team Coordinator— Advanced Light Source BL 10.3.1, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- 2001-2003: Academic Federation Rep.—Chancellor's Committee on Childcare, University of California-Davis
- 1998-2001: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Land Air and Water Resources, University of California-Davis
- 1997-2001: Graduate Research Assistant, University of California-San Diego
- 1993-1994: Staff Research Associate, University of California-San Diego
- 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.

I served on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee from ca. September 2017 to January 2021. Details about the Subcommittee are available at: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/caaac/mobile-sources-technical-review-subcommittee-mstrs-caaac">https://www.epa.gov/caaac/mobile-sources-technical-review-subcommittee-mstrs-caaac</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 within the last ten years.
  - Director (vice-president) of Creamery at Alkali Flat Homeowners Association (10/2020 to 10/2021 [resigned 10/13/21])
  - Sole-proprietor Steven Cliff, dba Elite Arms (Retail Sporting Goods/Firearms) (ca. 1/2011 ca. 6/2017)
- 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.

- US Coast Guard Auxiliary (2000 to present). Volunteer CG activities. Past Flotilla Safety Officer, Coxswain, Operational Auxiliarist, and boating safety instructor.
- National Rifle Association (member, expired ca. 2015)
- BMW Motorcycle Owners Association (member, expired ca. 2015)
- Sacramento Gun Club (member, shooting range access and competition pistol events, canceled membership ca. June 2020)
- Folsom Shooting Club (shooting range access and competition shooting events, expired ca. Dec. 2019)
- Coon Creek Trap and Skeet Club (member, volunteer coach for youth trap team, expired ca. 2014)
- Transportation Research Board (current Executive Committee [ex officio], former chair of sustainable transportation committee and former Group Chair)
- American River Conservancy (past member, expired ca. 2014)
- American Geophysical Union (member, expired ca. 2012)
- American Chemical Society (member, expired ca. 2012)
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) (member expired ca. 2013)
- Air and Waste Management Association (member, expired ca. 2015)
- Trojan Athletic Fund-USC Athletics (booster, not current)
- Rio Americano High School Band Booster (fundraising for son's high school band program, last active 2020)
- Arden Hills Country Club (member, swim and tennis club, canceled ca. 2017)
- Mondavi Center for the Arts (annual member, expired)
- Capitol Public Radio [KXJZ, local NPR affiliate] (semi-frequent annual member, not current)

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 \$500 or more for the past ten years.

#### None.

- 16. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.
  - California Air Resources Board Gold Superior Achievement Award 2008 and 2010
  - California Air Resources Board Sustained Superior Achievement Award 2012
- 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.

Please see below for the most up-to-date list of publications, speeches and presentations that I have been able to compile, to the best of my recollection and ability. Should any additional information be identified, I will promptly let the Committee know.

## **Related Speeches:**

Road to Zero Annual Meeting. February 2, 2021.
 <a href="https://www.nhtsa.gov/speeches-presentations/road-zero-annual-meeting-remarks">https://www.nhtsa.gov/speeches-presentations/road-zero-annual-meeting-remarks</a>

- SAE/NHTSA Cybersecurity Workshop. February 5, 2021. https://www.nhtsa.gov/speeches-presentations/saenhtsa-cybersecurity-workshop-remarks
- NHTSA Public Service Awards. April 27, 2021. https://www.nhtsa.gov/speeches-presentations/nhtsa-public-service-awards
- Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE) AV Event, May 13, 2021. https://www.nhtsa.gov/speeches-presentations/securing-americas-future-energy-safe-av-event
- Drive Sober Campaign Kickoff, August 17, 2021.
   <a href="https://www.nhtsa.gov/speeches-and-presentations/2021-drive-sober-virtual-event">https://www.nhtsa.gov/speeches-and-presentations/2021-drive-sober-virtual-event</a>

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• Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/sscliff">https://www.facebook.com/sscliff</a>

• LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/stevenscliff

• Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/sscliff">https://twitter.com/sscliff</a>

• Instagram: steve cliff

• Snapchat: Account deleted 9/14/21 (hadn't logged in in over 2 years, so reset password and deleted account).

• Reddit: sscperiod

• ResearchGate: <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Steven-Cliff">https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Steven-Cliff</a>

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.

- During the summer of 2017, I testified multiple times before the California State legislature (on behalf of Governor Jerry Brown) on California's Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade Program. I found no records of these testimonies.
- On December 4, 2016, I testified at a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hearing on "Glider Trucks" on behalf of California Air Resources Board. Details are available at:

  <a href="https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/testimony-opposing-epas-proposed-repeal-emission-requirements-glider-vehicles-glider-engines-and?utm">https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/testimony-opposing-epas-proposed-repeal-emission-requirements-glider-vehicles-glider-engines-and?utm</a> medium=email&utm source=govdelivery.
- In 2018, I testified before the California State legislature on Zero Emissions Vehicle Program on behalf of California Air Resources Board. I found no record of this testimony.

- I provided responses to Board member questions as staff and executive leadership during numerous occasions during CARB Board hearings from 2009-2020.
- 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 served as Deputy Administrator for NHTSA since February 2, 2021. In that time, I've led the NHTSA team in all operational aspects of the agency while developing several regulations and setting the regulatory agenda, undertaking major enforcement actions and issuing the Standing General Order for Automated Vehicle technology crash reporting. Prior to joining NHTSA, I oversaw the vehicle emissions, certification and compliance regulations for the California Air Resources Board (CARB). I have a longstanding relationship with the auto industry and vast regulatory experience. I also managed a similarly sized budget and team of engineers, economists, and scientists in my CARB position. I have been a public servant my entire professional career, first as a research professor at a public university and then in California state government at two different departments, and most recently as Deputy Administrator of NHTSA. In these roles, I strive to improve the health and well-being of the public I serve. My aerosol research led to knowledge about global pollution transport, which helped improve airquality and climate models. As a scientist at CARB, I analyzed the costs and benefits of programs to reduce air pollution and led teams developing these programs. And at the California Department of Transportation I developed programs to improve community health, local economies and access to destinations. NHTSA's mission is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs due to road crashes through education, research, safety standards, and enforcement. Fundamentally, this is a safety and public health mission. And like too many, I have lost loved ones to roadway crashes.

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?

As Administrator, it is my responsibility to ensure that NHTSA is prudent with public funds and maintains records consistent with all congressionally

mandated, Department of Transportation, and Office of Management and Budget requirements to ensure accountability. This includes overseeing and approving annual budgets, spend plans, audits, and internal controls to ensure proper allocation of funds, diversity in hiring workforce development, and review of completed research to ensure evidence based economic, scientific and engineering conclusions that advance safety. I have led NHTSA since February 2, 2021, and prior to that oversaw more than 650 staff at the California Air Resources Board as Deputy Executive Officer.

- 22. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency, and why?
  - Traffic fatalities are on the rise. Each year, an epidemic of more than 38,000 deaths occurs on our nation's roads. This is unacceptable. Not only must we reverse the trend, we must put ourselves on track to eliminate roadway fatalities altogether.
  - NHTSA is woefully behind in delivering mandated regulations due to limited resources and competing needs. We need to align resources to current challenges and workloads to deliver new, much needed safety and fuel economy improvements for the future.
  - Automotive technology is evolving at a rapid pace. Expertise within NHTSA needs to be nimble and match that of the private sector to ensure safety on our roadways.

#### **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.

# My 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 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 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 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.

None.

#### 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:

#### No.

- 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.
- 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.

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 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 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.

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

#### F. AFFIDAVIT

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 Nomble

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_.

Notary Public

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California, County of Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this day of the proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared



#### **Steven S. Cliff**

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# A. Academic Preparation:

1998-2001	Post-doctoral Scholar, Atmospheric Sciences, Department of Land, Air and Water
	Resources, University of California, Davis.
1998	Ph.D., Chemistry, University of California, San Diego.
1992	B.S. Chemistry, University of California, San Diego.

B. Appointments:	
2021-Present	Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
2017-2021	Deputy Executive Officer, California Air Resources Board
2016-2017	Senior Advisor to the Chair, California Air Resources Board (appointed by
	Governor Jerry Brown)
2014-2016	Assistant Director for Sustainability, California Department of Transportation
	(appointed by Governor Jerry Brown)
2013-2014	Assistant Chief, Stationary Source Division, California Air Resources Board
2011-2013	Chief, Climate Change Markets Branch—Stationary Source Division, California Air Resources Board
2009-2011	Manager, Program Development Section—Office of Climate Change, California Air Resources Board
2008-2009	Air Pollution Specialist—Office of Climate Change, Air Resources Board
2020-2021	Research Professor II, Air Quality Research Center/Institute of Transportation
2020-2021	Studies, UC Davis
2016-2020	Research Professor I, Air Quality Research Center/Institute of Transportation
	Studies, UC Davis
2013-2016	Associate Research Professor IV, Air Quality Research Center/Institute of
	Transportation Studies, UC Davis.
2011-2013	Associate Research Professor II, Air Quality Research Center/Institute of
	Transportation Studies, UC Davis.
2009-2011	Associate Research Professor I, Department of Applied Science, UC Davis.
2006-2009	Assistant Research Professor IV, Department of Applied Science, UC Davis.
2007-2008	Admissions Chair-Atmospheric Science Graduate Group, UC Davis.
2003-2006	Assistant Research Professor III, Department of Applied Science, UC Davis.
2004-2020	Approved Program Coordinator— Advanced Light Source BL 10.3.1 Lawrence
	Berkeley National Laboratory.
2003-2021	Atmospheric Science Graduate Group faculty
2004-2021	Applied Science Graduate Group faculty
2001-2004	Beamline Scientist and Primary Research Team Coordinator—Advanced Light
	Source BL 10.3.1 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
2001-2003	Assistant Research Professor II, Department of Applied Science, UC Davis
2001-2003	Academic Federation Rep.—Chancellor's Committee on Childcare, UC Davis
1998-2001	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Land air and Water Resources, UC Davis

## C. Synergistic Activities

- Member, Transportation Research Board Executive Committee (ex officio) July, 2017 to present.
- Chair, Transportation Research Board-Social and Environmental Section, April 2019-2020.

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- Chair, Transportation Research Board-Committee on Sustainable Transportation, April 2016-July 2017.
- Environmental Justice Intensive Course (Atmospheric Aerosols and Health Program), Summer 2006-2009, Arnold, CA. Role: Mentor, Training Facilitator and Lead Student Project Evaluator.
- Executive Course: *Economics of Energy and the Environment* July-August 2010, University of California, Davis

## D. Leadership, Media and Outreach Training

- Implicit Bias Awareness-September 2021
- Implicit Bias Mitigation-November 2020
- Implicit Bias Awareness-October 2020
- Diversity, Inclusion and Sensitivity Awareness-June 2020
- Learning at the Speed of Trust (Franklin Covey)-February 2020
- 4 Essential Roles of Leadership (Franklin Covey)-September 2019
- Media Training—California Air Resources Board Public Information Office July 2010
- California Climate Change Project (CCCP) and Leadership and Training Program (LTP)—Engaging with Government on Climate Change: Inter-University Scholars' Training Stanford University—November 2006.

### E. Awards

- California Air Resources Board Gold Superior Achievement Award 2008 and 2010
- California Air Resources Board Sustained Superior Achievement Award 2012

#### F. Peer reviewed publications: List and Copies available upon request

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