

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):

Alvaro M. Bedoya

2. Position to which nominated:

Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission

3. Date of Nomination:

September 20, 2021

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

Residence: [REDACTED]

Office: Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law, 600 New Jersey Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001

5. Date and Place of Birth:

February 21, 1982 (Lima, Peru)

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).

- Spouse: Dr. Sima Zadeh Bedoya. Pediatric psychologist at the National Institutes of Health’s National Cancer Institute.

- Children: [REDACTED]
- 7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended.**
- Yale Law School, 2004- 2007, J.D.
 - Harvard College, 1999- 2003, A.B. *summa cum laude*, Social Studies.
- 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.**
- **Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law / Georgetown University Law Center.** New Jersey Ave. NW, Washington, DC.
 - **Founding Director & Visiting Professor of Law** (July '18 – present)
 - **Executive Director** (Aug. '14 – July '18) & **Adjunct Prof. of Law** (Jan. '15 – July '18)
 - **Director, Federal Legislation Clinic** (July '18 – June '20)
 - **Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law / Sen. Al Franken.** Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC.
 - **Chief Counsel to Subcommittee** (Jan. '11 – Aug. '14)
 - **Chief Counsel to Sen. Franken** (June '10 – Jan '11)
 - **Counsel to Sen. Franken** (July '09 – June '10).
 - **Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr LLP.** Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC.
 - **Associate** (Sept. '07 – July '09)
 - **Summer Associate** (June – July '06) *in New York, NY.*
 - **U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy & Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and Border Security,** Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC.
 - **Law Clerk** (May – June '06)

- **NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund**, Rector Street, New York, NY.
 - **Law Clerk** (May – Aug. '05)
- **International Labour Office (ILO) Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour**, 4 route des Morillons, CH-1211, Geneva, Switzerland.
 - **Research Consultant** (April – June '04)
 - **Subcontractor via Eduardo Bedoya Garland** (Oct. '03 – April '04)

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.

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 within the last ten years.

None.

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.

- **CASA in Action. 8151 15th Ave., Adelphi, MD 20783**

- Member, Board of Directors (June 2021 – Present)
- **CASA. 8151 15th Ave., Adelphi, MD 20783**
 - Member, Board of Directors (Oct. 2020 – Present)
 - Chair, Development Committee (July 2021 – Present)
- **The Accountability Movement. 1341 G St. NW 5th floor, Washington, DC 20005**
 - Member, Board of Directors (Sept. 2020 – Present)
- **Free Press. 1025 Conn. Ave. NW, Suite 1110, Washington, DC 20036**
 - Member, Board of Directors (Dec. 2016 – Oct. 2020)
- **Free Press Action Fund. 1025 Conn. Ave. NW, Suite 1110, Washington, DC 20036**
 - Member, Board of Directors (Dec. 2016 – Oct. 2020)
- **Center for Democracy & Technology. 1401 K St. NW #200, Washington, DC 20005**
 - Member, Advisory Council (Dec. 2015 – Aug. 2018)
- **The Esperanza Education Fund. P.O. Box 27507, Washington, DC 20036**
 - Member, Board of Directors (Aug. 2014 – June 2018)
 - Member, Board of Advisors (July 2009 – Aug. 2014)
 - Co-Founder & Chair, Board of Directors (Jan. – July 2009)

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, I have not.

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 \$500 or more for the past ten years.

John King for Governor of Maryland (\$1,000), 2021

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

- **French-American Foundation Young Leader (2015-2016).** Trans-Atlantic fellowship and exchange program.
- **DC Legal Hackers “Legal Hack of the Year” Award (2016).** For the research in my Center’s report, *The Perpetual Line-Up*, on the privacy, civil liberties, and civil rights issues raised by law enforcement use of face recognition technology.
- **Legal Bisnow’s 40 Lawyers Under 40 (2015).** Awarded to lawyers “who have distinguished themselves in the past year with exceptional performance.”
- **National Law Journal Hill “Hot List” (2013).** One of “a dozen congressional legal stars” who “play critical roles in research, oversight, and shaping legislation.”
- **Champion for Children Award (2010).** Awarded by the First Focus Campaign for Children for my Senate work to protect children affected by immigration raids.
- **The Hugh A. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Award (2010).** Awarded by the Hispanic Bar Association for the District of Columbia (HBA-DC) to the Esperanza Education Fund “for outstanding contributions to the Latino community.”

- **Francis Wayland Prize (2007).** Awarded by Yale Law School for proficiency in negotiation and litigation in clinical work.
- **Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans (2006).** Two-year full scholarship to attend Yale Law School.
- **Phi Beta Kappa (2003).** For undergraduate studies at Harvard College.
- **Kawamura Fellowship (2003).** One of three Harvard undergraduates selected for an intensive cultural ambassadorship program to Japan.
- **Alexis de Tocqueville Prize (2003).** Awarded to the best two senior theses in my undergraduate major (Social Studies).
- **Latino Studies Prize (2003).** Awarded to the best two senior theses on a subject concerning Latinos or Latin American studies.
- **Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship (2001).** Public interest law fellowship to support my summer internship at the Migrant Farmworker Justice Project in Belle Glade, Florida.

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.

Note: I have conducted an extended, diligent, and good faith search of all of my own records and public records to identify materials responsive to this question. However, due to the large number of my speaking engagements, I may have inadvertently omitted materials. If additional responsive material is identified, it will be provided to the Committee promptly.

Publications.

- “[Watching Immigrants](#),” Harvard National Security Journal (forthcoming 2022). Based on my lecture at the HNSJ & Lieber Institute at the U.S.

Military Academy at West Point Symposium: “Racial & Intersectional Critiques of National Security Law” on March 2, 2021.

- With Sen. Clarence Lam & Del. Dana Stein, “[Maryland Bill Would Restrict ICE Access to MVA Data](#),” *The Baltimore Sun*, Feb. 16, 2021.
- “[The Cruel New Era of Data-Driven Deportation](#),” *Slate*, Sept. 22, 2020.
- “[Privacy as Civil Right](#),” *50 New Mexico Law Review* 3 (2020).
- “[Algorithmic Discrimination vs. Privacy Law](#),” in *The Cambridge Handbook of Consumer Privacy* (Evan Selinger, Jules Polonetsky, Omer Tene, eds.), 2018.
 - Note: The chapter is paywalled, but I have temporarily uploaded the page proofs to Google Drive for your review. My chapter is on pages 232-240.
- “[A License to Discriminate](#),” *The New York Times*, June 6, 2018.
- “[Why Silicon Valley Lobbyists Love Big, Broad Privacy Bills](#),” *The New York Times*, April 11, 2018.
- With Harrison Rudolph & Laura Moy, [Not Ready for Take-Off: Face Scans at Airport Departure Gates](#), Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law, Dec. 2017.
 - Media: [Interactive Website](#).
- “[Deportation is Going High Tech Under Trump](#),” *The Atlantic*, June 21, 2017.
- “[You Cannot Encrypt Your Face](#),” *The Atlantic*, May 5, 2017.
- With Clare Garvie, “[Smile! You’ve just been identified by face recognition](#),” *New York Daily News*, March 27, 2017.
- “[Who’s Logging Your Face?](#)” *The Washington Post*, March 22, 2017.

- With Paul Ohm, [Amicus Curiae Brief in *Castorina v. De Blasio*](#), a case regarding the privacy of documents submitted in the IDNYC program. Jan. 4, 2017.
- With Clare Garvie and Jonathan Frankle, [The Perpetual Line-Up: Unregulated Police Face Recognition in America](#), Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law, Oct. 2016.
 - Media: [Interactive Website](#).
- [Comments on Proposed FBI Rulemaking to Exempt the Next Generation Identification System from Provisions of the Privacy Act](#), July 6, 2016.
- [“The Color of Surveillance,”](#) *Slate*, Jan. 18, 2016.
- With Clare Garvie, Comments on [“Follow the Lead: A Workshop on Lead Generation”](#) before the Federal Trade Commission, Dec. 18, 2015.
- [“Why I Walked Out of Facial Recognition Negotiations,”](#) *Slate*, June 30, 2015.
- [“Surveillance in Marble,”](#) *Slate*, June 2, 2015.
- With Ben Sobel, [“Just How Kafkaesque is the Court that Oversees NSA Spying?”](#) *The Washington Post*, May 21, 2015.
- [“Big Data and the Underground Railroad,”](#) *Slate*, Nov. 7, 2014.
- [“Executive Order 12,333 and the Golden Number,”](#) *Just Security*, Oct. 9, 2014.
- [Comments on “Big Data: A Tool for Inclusion or Exclusion?”](#) before the Federal Trade Commission, Aug. 15, 2014.
- With David Vladeck, [Comments on “Big Data and Consumer Privacy in the Internet Economy”](#) before the National Telecommunications & Information Administration, Aug. 5, 2014.

- Note, “[The Unforeseen Effects of Georgia v. Ashcroft on the Latino Community](#),” 115 *Yale Law Journal*, 2112-2146 (2006).
- Forum Contribution, “[Backlash at the Booth: Latino Turnout After H.R. 4437](#),” *Yale Law Journal Pocket Part*, Aug. 8, 2006.
- With Eduardo Bedoya & Patrick Belser, “[Debt Bondage and Ethnic Discrimination in Latin America](#),” in *Forced Labor: Coercion and Exploitation in the Private Economy* 35-50 (Beate Andrees & Patrick Belser eds., Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner Publishers 2009).
- With Eduardo Bedoya Garland, [Servidumbre por Deudas y Marginación en el Chaco de Paraguay](#) [“*Debt Bondage and Marginalization in the Chaco of Paraguay*”], (Int'l Labour Org., Working Paper No. 45, 2005).
- With Eduardo Bedoya Garland, [El Trabajo Forzoso en la Extracción de la Madera en la Amazonía Peruana](#) [“*Forced Labor in the Logging Industry in the Peruvian Amazon*”], (Int'l Labour Org., Working Paper No. 40, 2005).
- With Eduardo Bedoya Garland, [Enganche y Servidumbre por Deudas en Bolivia](#) [“*Enganche' and Debt Bondage in Bolivia*”], (Int'l Labour Org., Working Paper No. 41, 2005).
- “[Captive Labor](#),” *Dollars & Sense*, Sept./Oct. 2003.

Public Speeches, Lectures, Extended Interviews & Panel Discussions Relevant to my Nomination

- “The Shadowy Side of Smart Cities,” *Our Tech Futures Conference by Just Futures Law*, July 7, 2021.
- “Seven Questions for the Future of Face Recognition Technology” Beyond Fairness: Towards a Just, Equitable & Accountable Computer Vision, CVPR 2021 Workshop, June 25, 2021.
- Panel discussion: “Building Bridges Between Law & Technology” Georgetown Law, May 6, 2021.

- Interview in *No Safety with Surveillance*, OpenMIC, April 6, 2021.
- Panel discussion: “Racial Justice & Business Technologies,” *The Technology Ethics Center at the University of Notre Dame*, March 5, 2021.
- “Surveillance tech is not accomplishing the things it’s supposed to,” *Marketplace Tech*, Jan. 11, 2021.
- Panel discussion: “The Rhetoric and Application of AI in Policing & Criminal Justice,” *Center on Global Transformation at U.C. San Diego*, Nov. 18, 2020.
- Public Interest Technology – University Network Inaugural Convening: Keynote Panel on Technology, Race, and Our Future. Nov. 21, 2019.
- “Trevor Paglen: Sites Unseen” Exhibition Panel Discussion, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC. Nov. 15, 2018.
- The Color of Surveillance: Monitoring of Poor and Working People: Opening Remarks & Closing Remarks. Center on Privacy & Technology, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC. Nov. 7, 2019.
- “FBI, ICE Use State Driver’s License Databases to Scan Photos,” *NPR Morning Edition*, July 8, 2019.
- The Color of Surveillance: Government Monitoring of American Immigrants: Opening Remarks, “The Military Intelligence Division & American Jews (A Transition)” & Moderator for Panel Discussion: “A Conversation on Countering Violent Extremism.” Center on Privacy & Technology, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC. July 19, 2018.
- “Bedoya on government monitoring of religious minorities,” *The Privacy Advisor Podcast*, June 15, 2018.
- Congressional Briefing: “The Usual Suspects: Bias in Government Surveillance.” Fourth Amendment Advisory Committee, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC. Nov. 30, 2016.

- Congressional Briefing on *The Perpetual Line-Up: Unregulated Police Face Recognition in America* Report. Senate Judiciary Committee (Invitation from Chairman Grassley & Ranking Member Leahy), Washington, DC. Nov. 28, 2016.
- Keynote Address to the International Joint Conference on Biometrics, October 4, 2017.
- The Color of Surveillance: Government Monitoring of American Immigrants: Opening Remarks & Moderator for Panel Discussion: “The Border and the Muslim Ban.” Center on Privacy & Technology, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC. June 22, 2017.
- Panel Discussion: “Facial recognition and law enforcement: technology and policy.” Connect:ID 2017 Conference, Washington, DC. May 3, 2017.
- “Live from Summit with Alvaro Bedoya,” *The Privacy Advisor Podcast*, International Association of Privacy Professionals, April 21, 2017.
- Panel Discussion: “Justice, Work, and Opportunity,” R Street Institute, Washington, DC. April 17, 2017.
- “The FBI and Facial Recognition,” *Tech Policy Podcast*, April 10, 2017.
- Panel Discussion: “We Are the Color of Freedom: Resisting Racist Police Surveillance in a Trump Era.” A “Virtual Town Hall” Hosted by the Center for Media Justice. March 29, 2017.
 - *Note*: I avoid using the word “racist” to describe race-biased technologies like face recognition; I find it to be inflammatory and unhelpful. The hosts of this panel changed the title of the panel a few days before the event and did not check with me before doing so.
- Moderator for Panel Discussion: “Privacy in Public Surveillance.” The American Criminal Law Review at Georgetown Law, Katz @ 50 Symposium, Washington, DC. March 3, 2017.
- Lecture: “The Perpetual Line-Up: Unregulated Police Face Recognition in America.” Harvard Data Privacy Lab, Cambridge, MA. Feb. 17, 2017.

- “Police Face Recognition Software Still Isn't Great With Women & POCs, And Your Face Is Already In It,” *Criminal Injustice*, WESA (Pittsburgh NPR), Feb. 8, 2017.
- “Police Facial Recognition Databases Log About Half Of Americans,” NPR Weekend Edition Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016.
- “Police Face Recognition Databases May Include You,” *To The Point*, KCRW, Oct. 20, 2016.
- “The Source: The 'Wild West' Of Facial Recognition Technology,” KSTX San Antonio (Texas Public Radio), Oct. 20, 2016.
- Panel Discussion: “Safety of Personal Health Information: Regulation around the Emergence of Wearable Technology.” O’Neill Institute at Georgetown Law, Washington, DC. Oct. 5, 2016.
- Congressional Briefing: Launch of the Fourth Amendment Caucus and the Fourth Amendment Advisory Committee. Fourth Amendment Advisory Committee, Washington, DC. July 13, 2016.
- Panel Discussion: “Biometrics: Security, Privacy, and Convenience.” Fourth Annual George Mason Law & Economics Center Public Policy Conference on the Law & Economics of Privacy and Data Security, Arlington, VA. June 22, 2016.
- Opening Remarks: 6th Annual International Summit on the Future of Health Privacy, Patient Privacy Rights, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC. June 7, 2016.
- Panel Discussion: “Privacy and Civil Liberties: Implications of Securing Cyber Environments.” Georgetown Law Continuing Legal Education, Fourth Annual Cybersecurity Law Institute, Washington, DC. May 25, 2016.
- Panel Discussion: “Facial Recognition Technology: Notes of Caution for Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.” Johns Hopkins University, Government Analytics Breakfast Forum. April 13, 2016.

- The Color of Surveillance: Government Monitoring of the African American Community: Opening Remarks & Moderator for Panel Discussion: “Martin Luther King and the FBI.” Center on Privacy & Technology, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC. April 8, 2016.
- Panel Discussion: “Technology, the Internet, and Race: Tool for Liberation or Oppression?” Computers Freedom and Privacy Conference 2015, Alexandria, VA. Oct. 14, 2015.
- Panel Discussion: “Freedom to Innovate, In Context.” Center for Civil Media at MIT and the Electronic Frontier Foundation, Cambridge, MA. Oct. 10, 2015.
- Panel Discussion: “Big Data, Inequality, and the Law.” Ford Foundation, New York, NY. Oct. 5, 2015.
- “Do you really own your face?” *To The Point*, KCRW, July 10, 2015.
- Panel Discussion: “No Place to Run, No Place to Hide: The Internet of Things, The Future of Internet Opportunities and Risks.” National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA), 2015 Annual Conference, Washington, DC. June 30, 2015.
- “Who Owns Your Face? The Fight to Regulate Facial Recognition Technology,” *The Takeaway*, WNYC & Public Radio International, June 18, 2015.
- “The Computer Will (Literally) See You Now,” *On Point with Tom Ashbrook*, WBUR and National Public Radio, June 18, 2015.
- “Privacy Advocates Walk Out of Tech Talks,” *Quest Means Business*, CNN, June 17, 2015.
- “Why people of color should care about mass surveillance,” *Shift*, MSNBC, June 9, 2015.
- “The Digital Fingerprints We Leave Behind Online,” *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*, WAMU, May 19, 2015.

- Keynote Address to the National Association of Attorneys General on Consumer Privacy. NAAG Spring Consumer Protection Meeting, Washington, DC. May 11, 2015.
- Panel Discussion: “Leveraging the Disruptive Power of the Internet.” Global Philanthropy Forum Conference, Washington, DC. April 23, 2015.
- Panel Discussion: “Will Health Tech Ever Be Hack-Proof?” New America Foundation, Washington, DC. March 26, 2015.
- Interview: “Exploring Big Data and *The Black Box Society*.” Center on Privacy & Technology, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC. Feb. 13, 2015.
- Keynote Interview of Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission. State of the Net 2015 Conference, Washington, DC. Jan. 27, 2015.
- “The Future of Uber And Online Car Services,” *The Diane Rehm Show*, WAMU, Dec, 11, 2014.
- Panel Discussion: “The Business & Ethics of (Big) Data.” pii2014 Conference, Palo Alto, CA. Nov. 13, 2014.
- Panel Discussion: “The NSA, Privacy and the Global Internet: Perspectives on EO 12333.” Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC. Sept. 19, 2014.
- Panel Discussion: “Nontrespassory tracking: Biometrics, license plate readers, and drones.” Yale Law Journal of Law and Technology’s Location Tracking and Biometrics Conference, New Haven, CT. Feb. 6, 2013.

18. 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 name of an “alias” or “handle” 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.

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/alvarombedoya>

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/alvaro.martin.bedoya>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/alvaro-bedoya-9312b258/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/pluckyllama/> (inactive)

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.

- Congressional Hearing Testimony: “[Law Enforcement’s Use of Facial Recognition Technology](#).” Hearing before the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Washington, DC. March 22, 2017.
 - Resources: [Written Testimony](#); [Oral Testimony & Video of Hearing](#) (start video at 27:25).

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 would be honored to serve as a commissioner in the Federal Trade Commission because I believe in its core mission: protecting consumers. I spent four of my five years in the U.S. Senate as chief counsel of a new Subcommittee dedicated to protecting consumers, and in my current role I am dedicated to protecting the most vulnerable in our society against invasions of privacy. I love this work and believe it is important.

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 a President-appointed and Senate-confirmed official, it is my responsibility to help ensure that the Commission operates in accordance with the law and with integrity, including management and financial accountability.

- As the executive officer of the Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law, I manage a staff of 8 FTEs and an annual budget of \$1.2 million. As chief counsel to the Subcommittee on Privacy, I managed a staff of 3 FTEs. I have served on the boards of several larger organizations, including Free Press and CASA, which has a staff of over 100 employees and a budget of \$16 million. As Board Development Chair for CASA, I have become familiar with the financial processes underpinning the organization.

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

- **Capacity.** Despite their talents and long track record of rigorous investigations and oversight, the Commission's staff and resources are too limited to effectively enforce the myriad statutes within its mandate. This is particularly true when it comes to privacy enforcement, where agency staff – despite with being charged with protecting against privacy invasions from the globe's largest technology companies – is dwarfed by comparable staffs in smaller European countries.
- **Advanced Privacy Invasions.** Historically, surveillance technology has tracked your technology; now it tracks your body, and not just your face: your voice, your gait, your iris, etc. Relatedly, technology companies are employing a sophisticated array of psychological tools to encourage user dependency on their products. Unfortunately, due to the volume and prevalence of these activities agency oversight and enforcement has not kept up with these activities.
- **Overlapping and Concurrent Crises.** While the agency begins to aggressively confront a consolidated and concentrated technology sector, it is tasked with also responding to fraud and abuse related to the pandemic, as well as aggressive debt collection related to the recent lifting of federal eviction moratoria. Each of these is a defining crisis in its own right. Responding to each of them effectively requires close coordination across agency leadership and each of the components of the Commission.

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.

- I will continue to participate in my current defined contribution plan after leaving Georgetown University. Georgetown University will not make contributions after my separation.

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, I have 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 U.S. Office of Government Ethics and the Federal Trade Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts of interest. If confirmed, any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of the ethics agreement that I have entered into with the Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official. 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 U.S. Office of Government Ethics and the Federal Trade Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts of interest. If confirmed, any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of the ethics agreement that I have entered into with the Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official. 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 U.S. Office of Government Ethics and the Federal Trade Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts of interest. If confirmed, any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of the ethics agreement that I have entered into with the Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official. 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.

In addition to my work for the Federal Legislation Clinic described in response to question 8 above, I have engaged in advocacy on behalf of the Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law. Those issues include regulation and moratoria on law enforcement use of face recognition, gender, age, and race-bias testing of face recognition technology, use of information related to unaccompanied children related to immigration enforcement, automated scanning of social media related to immigration enforcement, and privacy laws to protect data held by DMVs, public utilities, and other state agencies.

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:**
 - 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.**

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, 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.**

Not during the time during which I was an officer. I am unaware of the prior litigation history of the non-profits which I served as a board member.

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.**

I am not aware of any such information.

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.

F. AFFIDAVIT

Alvaro M. Bedoya 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.

 09/23/2021
Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 23rd day of September, 2021.

TARYN MELISSA OTANDO
Notary Public

Notarized online using audio-video communication

Notary Public, State of Texas
COUNTY OF DENTON

AFFIDAVIT NOTARIZATION



ALVARO M. BEDOYA

EXPERIENCE

Center on Privacy and Technology at Georgetown Law, Washington, DC Aug. '14 - present
Founding Director & Visiting Professor of Law (July '18-present), *Executive Director* (Aug. '14-July '18)

- Founder of think tank focused on the disparate impact of surveillance. Principal investigator on over \$5 million in grants; grew budget from \$250,000 to \$1.2 million and staff from one to eight FTEs.
- Co-authored *The Perpetual Line-Up: Unregulated Police Face Recognition in America*, a report revealing that 1 in 2 adults are in a police face recognition network. The report led to a House Oversight hearing and a NIST study on bias in face recognition; 17 of the 22 laws since passed on face recognition used report's legislative language. Report was on the front pages of the *Post & Baltimore Sun*, on the CBS Evening News, and paved way for the *Post* and *Times* ed boards to back regulations.
- Co-authored *Not Ready for Take-Off: Face Scans at Airport Departure Gates*, an investigation into biometric exit in the U.S. Report led to bipartisan oversight of the DHS as well as passage of the first federal law requiring race and gender bias testing of a federal machine learning system, Sec. 1919 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.
- Worked with Congress to enact an appropriations rider to restrict ICE from using interview data from unaccompanied kids to target deportations, secs. 224 & 223 of FY19 & 20 DHS appropriations bills.
- Co-led a coalition that persuaded Google to stop running search ads for online payday loans.
- Writing featured in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Baltimore Sun*, *The Atlantic* and *Slate*.

Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology & the Law, Washington, DC July '09-Aug. '14
Chief Counsel to Subcommittee (Jan. '11), *Chief Counsel to Sen. Franken* (June '10); *Counsel* (July '09)

- Lead staff drafter of bipartisan transparency provisions in the USA FREEDOM Act. Ran oversight hearings involving Apple, Facebook, Google, Netflix, the DOJ, FTC, and NSA. Drafted bipartisan legislation to protect small businesses from error-prone immigration bureaucracies; conducted bipartisan oversight to rein in "stalking apps."

Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale & Dorr LLP, Washington, DC. *Associate* Sept. '07-July '09

PUBLIC SERVICE

CASA, Langley Park, MD Oct. '20-present
Development Committee Chair (July '21), *CASA in Action Board* (June '21), *CASA Board* (Oct. '20)

- Interview candidates for Maryland governor and county councils for organizational endorsements. Support development committee in identifying potential corporate and foundation donors.

The Esperanza Education Fund, Inc., Maryland, Virginia & D.C. Jan. '09-June '18
Co-Founder & Board of Directors (Jan.-July '09, Aug.'14-June '18); *Board of Advisors* (July '09-Aug.'14)

- Co-founder of college scholarship that has awarded \$1 million to immigrant and first-generation students in Maryland, Virginia, and D.C.

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., June 2007. *Yale Law Journal*, Editor; Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship.

Harvard College, A.B., *summa cum laude*, Social Studies, June 2003. Phi Beta Kappa.