

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

UNITED STATES SENATE



**Post-Hearing Questions for the Record for
Peter T. Metzger
upon his nomination to be
Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury**

Questions from Senator Wyden:

Domestic terrorism

1. Do you agree that there is no legal basis for the designation of domestic terrorist organizations?
2. If you believe there is a legal basis for the designation of domestic terrorist organizations, please cite the relevant section(s) of the United States Code.

Answer (Questions 1-2): It is my understanding that the Justice Department, pursuant to the Presidential Memorandum referenced in Question #3, provides that the Attorney General may make such a determination. Accordingly, I would refer you to the Department of Justice on this matter.

3. Section 2(h)(i) of the September 25, 2025, Presidential Memorandum (“Countering Domestic Terrorism and Organized Political Violence”) states:

“The Secretary of the Treasury (Secretary), in coordination with the Attorney General, shall make available all resources, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to identify and disrupt financial networks that fund domestic terrorism and political violence. The Secretary, acting through the Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Office of the Department of the Treasury, shall deploy investigative tools, examine financial flows, and coordinate with partner agencies to trace illicit funding streams. The Secretary shall provide guidance for financial institutions to file Suspicious Activity Reports and investigate indicia of illicit funding streams to ensure such activity is rooted out at the source and referred for law enforcement action, as appropriate.”

If confirmed, will you ensure that the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (OIA) plays no role in supporting this direction?

Answer: Since I have not been at the Treasury Department, I cannot speak to the implementation of this Presidential Memorandum. If confirmed, I will follow the law.

Questions from Senator Bennet:

Russian Foreign Assets

4. The Trump administration has not yet exercised authorities under the bipartisan Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity (REPO) for Ukrainians Act to seize the \$5-8 billion in Russian sovereign assets in the United States. Nor has it convinced European countries hosting the overwhelming majority of Russia's \$300 billion of frozen assets to proceed with plans for extending a loan guarantee to Ukraine that could be used to purchase additional weapons systems.
 - a. Do you support using Russian sovereign assets to support Ukraine?
 - b. Do you commit to work with G7 partners to share intelligence and collaborate, as appropriate, in support of efforts to leverage Russian sovereign assets in Europe?

Answer: If confirmed, I intend to utilize all available tools in the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (OIA) to deliver on President Trump's Agenda, including the pursuit of peace in the Russia-Ukraine War. If confirmed, OIA will continue to support intelligence sharing with key foreign partners to advance the President's agenda, and I commit to provide objective and professional analysis on all national security issues.

Russia Sanctions

5. Do you commit to ensuring that OIA prioritizes the analysis and dissemination of intelligence information necessary to aggressively enforce and update sanctions on Russia, so that those sanctions are maximally effective?
6. Do you commit to allocating additional resources to identifying financial networks and transactions that are sustaining the Russian war-machine, to include financial flows from foreign nations including the People's Republic of China and India?
7. In what additional ways do you believe Treasury OIA could best support the crucial line of effort to choke of Russia's economy and deny it the economic and financial resources necessary to sustain its war of aggression against Ukraine?

Answer (Questions 5-7): I am not currently at the Treasury Department, so I cannot speak to the details. If confirmed, I intend to utilize all available tools in OIA to deliver on President Trump's Agenda, including the pursuit of peace in the Russia-Ukraine War. If confirmed, I will commit to continue to support OIA's analysis and intelligence support to whole-of-government efforts, including broader Treasury efforts, to enforce Russia-related sanctions.

Digital Assets

8. Digital assets have been employed by sanctions evaders.

- a. Do you agree that tracking digital asset-enabled sanctions evasion should be a top priority for the OIA?**
- b. What priority actions would you commit to take in order to reduce the use of digital assets to evade U.S. sanctions?**

Answer: Regardless of the medium, I am committed to utilizing all available tools in OIA to combat the evasion of sanctions, including through the use of digital assets. If confirmed, I look forward to working with the larger sanctions team and policy-making offices at Treasury to accomplish this mission.

