

Questions for the Record for Joel M. Carson III
From Senator Mazie Hirono

1. As part of my responsibility as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and to ensure the fitness of nominees for a lifetime appointment to the federal bench, I am asking nominees to answer the following two questions:

- a. Since you became a legal adult, have you ever made unwanted requests for sexual favors, or committed any verbal or physical harassment or assault of a sexual nature?**

No.

- b. Have you ever faced discipline, or entered into a settlement related to this kind of conduct?**

No.

2. In your Senate Judiciary Questionnaire, you noted that you are currently a member of several oil and gas associations and organizations and have been for many years. Some of these organizations, such as the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association, include hundreds of members and advocate for policies to benefit oil and gas companies.

- a. Will you remain a member of these organizations if you are confirmed as a federal court of appeals judge?**

No.

- b. Will you recuse yourself from cases involving (1) any companies or entities that are part of any oil or gas trade association with which you are currently affiliated or (2) any organizations of which you are currently a member?**

I will analyze recusal on a case-by-case basis utilizing the terms and provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 455. If analysis of 28 U.S.C. § 455 makes recusal appropriate with respect to the named organizations or their members, I will recuse from the case at issue.

- c. For how long will you recuse yourself from these matters?**

Please see answer to 2(b) above.