

Finance Committee sets confirmation hearing for Batchelder, Davidson

The Senate Finance Committee announced this week that it will hold a hearing on May 25 to consider President Biden's nominations of Lily Batchelder to serve as Treasury assistant secretary for tax policy and Jonathan Davidson to serve as Treasury assistant secretary for legislative affairs. Both have held senior roles on Capitol Hill and assisted with the Biden administration's transition process.

Batchelder is currently a tax law professor at New York University, where her work focuses on personal income taxes, wealth transfer taxes, business tax reform, retirement savings, social insurance, and the effects of fiscal policy on economic insecurity, income disparities, and intergenerational mobility.

After time in tax law practice at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and a previous stint at NYU, Batchelder spent 2010 to 2015 in Washington first as the Democrats' chief tax counsel at the Senate Finance Committee under then-Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., and then as deputy director of the White House National Economic Council and deputy assistant to President Obama.

Davidson has spent more than two decades working in the Senate, where he currently serves as chief of staff to Finance Committee member Michael Bennet, D-Colo. Previously, he was chief of staff to then-Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., and Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Md., and chief counsel to Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va.

During the Biden administration's transition, Batchelder headed up the IRS transition team and Davidson led the economic nominations confirmation team.

According to the hearing announcement, the panel will also consider the nominations of J. Nellie Liang to be undersecretary of domestic finance, and Ben Harris to be assistant secretary for economic policy.

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