

# Executive Branch Personnel

## Public Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 278e)

### Filer's Information

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Burns, R. Nicholas

Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Department of State

Report Year: 2023

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Other Federal Government Positions Held During the Preceding 12 Months:

None

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Electronic Signature - I certify that the statements I have made in this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Burns, R. Nicholas [electronically signed on 06/03/2023 by Burns, R. Nicholas in Integrity.gov] - Filer received a 45 day filing extension.

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Agency Ethics Official's Opinion - On the basis of information contained in this report, I conclude that the filer is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations (subject to any comments below).

/s/ Mann, Judy, Certifying Official [electronically signed on 07/19/2023 by Mann, Judy in Integrity.gov]

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Other review conducted by

/s/ Mann, Judy, Ethics Official [electronically signed on 07/19/2023 by Mann, Judy in Integrity.gov]

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U.S. Office of Government Ethics Certification

/s/ Granahan, Megan, Certifying Official [electronically signed on 09/18/2023 by Granahan, Megan in Integrity.gov]

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Data Revised 09/13/2023

Data Revised 07/17/2023

## 1. Filer's Positions Held Outside United States Government

#	ORGANIZATION NAME	CITY, STATE	ORGANIZATION TYPE	POSITION HELD	FROM	TO
1	Harvard University	Cambridge, Massachusetts	University/College	Professor	9/2008	Present
2	Filer's revocable trust	Westport, Massachusetts	Trust	Trustee	9/2014	Present

## 2. Filer's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1	Harvard University	N/A		This was for work performed prior to the start of my unpaid leave from Harvard University.	\$8,866
2	Harvard Faculty Retirement Plan-Vanguard Target Rtm 20	No	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000		None (or less than \$201)
3	Harvard Tax Deferred Annuity Plan Vanguard Target Rtm 20	No	\$250,001 - \$500,000		None (or less than \$201)
4	Aspen Institute	N/A		This was for work performed prior to my resignation from the Aspen Institute.	\$2,205
5	Entegris, Inc. (ENTG)	See Endnote		Dividends	\$1,001 - \$2,500

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
6	Fidelity WROS Account (Money Market)	No	\$15,001 - \$50,000		\$201 - \$1,000
7	SEP Retirement Account (Certificates of Deposit at State Department Federal Credit Union)		\$500,001 - \$1,000,000		None (or less than \$201)
8	IRA Retirement Account (Certificates of Deposit State Department Federal Credit Union)		\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)

### 3. Filer's Employment Agreements and Arrangements

#	EMPLOYER OR PARTY	CITY, STATE	STATUS AND TERMS	DATE
1	Harvard University	Cambridge, Massachusetts	I have taken a two-year unpaid leave from Harvard University. Harvard is not making contributions to my defined contribution plans during my leave. I have retained my supplemental life insurance and disability insurance but am paying for them with no assistance from Harvard during my leave.	4/2021

### 4. Filer's Sources of Compensation Exceeding \$5,000 in a Year

(N/A) - Not required for this type of report

### 5. Spouse's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1	IRA Account in State Department Federal Credit Union(Certificates of Deposit)		\$50,001 - \$100,000		None (or less than \$201)

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
2	Inherited Roth IRA Account				
2.1	Fidelity Disciplined Equity Fund (FDEQX)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)

## 6. Other Assets and Income

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1	Vanguard Brokerage Account	No	\$250,001 - \$500,000		
1.1	AT&T Inc.	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Capital Gains	\$201 - \$1,000
1.2	Abbott Laboratories (ABT)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.3	Analog Devices, Inc. (ADI)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.4	Apple Inc	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.5	AptarGroup, Inc. (ATR)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.6	Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (ADP)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
1.7	Canadian National Railway Co	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.8	Carrier Global Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.9	Chubb Ltd. (CB)	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1.10	CVS Health Corp. (CVS)	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.11	Danaher Corp. (DHR)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.12	EOG Resources, Inc. (EOG)	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.13	Exxon Mobil Corp. (XOM)	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
1.14	Fortive Corp. (FTV)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.15	The Home Depot, Inc. (HD)	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
1.16	Intel Corp. (INTC)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
1.17	Johnson and Johnson	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
1.18	Mastercard, Inc. A	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.19	Nestle SA Spon Adr (food & beverage company)	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
1.20	Novartis AG Spon Adr	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
1.21	Otis Worldwide Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.22	proctor and gamble co.	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
1.23	Raytheon Techs Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.24	Rockwell Automation, Inc. (ROK)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1.25	Unilever PLC Spons Adr	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
1.26	Vanguard FEDL Money Market	Yes	\$50,001 - \$100,000		\$201 - \$1,000
1.27	The Walt Disney Co. (DIS)	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.28	Xilinx, Inc. (XLNX)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	None (or less than \$201)
1.29	3M Co. (MMM)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
1.30	Fiserv, Inc. (FISV)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)		None (or less than \$201)
1.31	Alphabet, Inc. (GOOGL)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)		None (or less than \$201)
1.32	Illumina, Inc. (ILMN)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)		None (or less than \$201)
1.33	IPG Photonics Corp. (IPGP)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)		None (or less than \$201)
1.34	PayPal Holdings, Inc. (PYPL)	N/A	None (or less than \$1,001)		None (or less than \$201)
2	U.S. bank 1 (cash)	N/A	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	Interest	\$15,001 - \$50,000
3	U.S. bank 2 (cash)	N/A	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Interest	None (or less than \$201)
4	Allspring Intrmediat Tax Amt Free Inst	Yes	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000		\$15,001 - \$50,000
5	Artisan International Value Fund Advisor Class Shares (APDKX)	Yes	\$250,001 - \$500,000		\$5,001 - \$15,000
6	AshmoreEmerging Markets Equity Fund Institutional Class Shares (EMFIX)	Yes	\$250,001 - \$500,000		\$2,501 - \$5,000

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
7	Conestoga Small Cap Fund Institutional Class Shares (CCALX)	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$5,001 - \$15,000
8	Flexshares Trust Morningstar Global	Yes	\$50,001 - \$100,000		\$2,501 - \$5,000
9	Invenomic Fund Institutional Class Shares (BIVIX)	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$15,001 - \$50,000
10	iShares Core S&P 500 ETF (IVV)	Yes	\$250,001 - \$500,000		\$5,001 - \$15,000
11	iShares Russell 2000 ETF (IWM)	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$2,501 - \$5,000
12	ISHARES TR MSCI USA QLT FCT	Yes	\$250,001 - \$500,000		\$2,501 - \$5,000
13	ISHARES TR MSCI USA VALUE	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$5,001 - \$15,000
14	ISHARES TR PFD AND INCM SEC	Yes	\$50,001 - \$100,000		\$2,501 - \$5,000
15	ISHARES TRUST GLOBAL REIT ETF	Yes	\$50,001 - \$100,000		\$1,001 - \$2,500
16	MainStay MacKay High Yield Municipal Bond Fund Class I Shares (MMHIX)	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$2,501 - \$5,000
17	Pear Tree Polaris Foreign Value Small Cap Fund Institutional Class Shares (QUSIX)	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$5,001 - \$15,000
18	PIMCO Income Fund Institutional Class Shares (PIMIX)	Yes	\$250,001 - \$500,000		\$15,001 - \$50,000
19	SVB PRIVATE CASH SWEEP	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$1,001 - \$2,500
20	Wavelength Interest Rate Neutral Fund (WAVLX)	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$2,501 - \$5,000



#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
21	William Blair International Leaders Fund Class I Shares (WILIX)	Yes	\$250,001 - \$500,000		\$201 - \$1,000
22	Weiss Alternative Multi-Strategy Fund Class K (WEISX)	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		None (or less than \$201)
23	Fidelity	See Endnote	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000		

## 7. Transactions

#	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	DATE	AMOUNT
1	Entegris Stock	Sale	01/24/2022	\$250,001 - \$500,000
2	Entegris Stock	Sale	01/24/2022	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
3	Entegris Stock	Sale	01/26/2022	\$100,001 - \$250,000
4	Entegris Stock	Sale	01/27/2022	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
5	Entegris Stock	Sale	02/01/2022	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
6	Entegris Stock	Sale	02/10/2022	\$250,001 - \$500,000
7	Entegris Stock	Sale	03/09/2022	\$100,001 - \$250,000
8	Entegris Stock	Sale	03/09/2022	\$250,001 - \$500,000
9	Entegris Stock	Sale	03/11/2022	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

#	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	DATE	AMOUNT
10	Abbott Laboratories	Sale	03/01/2022	\$15,001 - \$50,000
11	Alphabet Inc CL A	Sale	03/01/2022	\$15,001 - \$50,000
12	Analog Devices Inc.	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
13	Apple Inc.	Sale	03/01/2022	\$15,001 - \$50,000
14	AptarGroup Inc.	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
15	Automatic Data Processing	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
16	Danaher Corp	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
17	Fiserv	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
18	Fortive	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
19	Illumina	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
20	Intel Corp	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
21	IPG Photonics Corp.	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
22	Johnson&Johnson	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
23	Mastercard	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
24	Novartis	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
25	Paypal Holdings	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
26	Proctor and Gamble	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
27	Rockwell Automation	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
28	3M Co.	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000
29	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (AMD)	Sale	03/01/2022	\$1,001 - \$15,000

## 8. Liabilities

#	CREDITOR NAME		TYPE	AMOUNT	YEAR INCURRED	RATE	TERM
1	Chase	See Endnote	Mortgage on Personal Residence	\$250,001 - \$500,000	2016	2.85	30 years

## 9. Gifts and Travel Reimbursements

None

## Endnotes

PART	#	ENDNOTE
2.	5	This dividend was issued during the time when I was divesting all my Entegris stock which I no longer hold.
6.	23	This is my Fidelity brokerage account which holds the assets reported in Part 6 following the sale of my Entegris stock in early 2022.
8.	1	We paid off this mortgage in 2022.

# Summary of Contents

## 1. Filer's Positions Held Outside United States Government

Part 1 discloses positions that the filer held at any time during the reporting period (excluding positions with the United States Government). Positions are reportable even if the filer did not receive compensation.

This section does not include the following: (1) positions with religious, social, fraternal, or political organizations; (2) positions solely of an honorary nature; (3) positions held as part of the filer's official duties with the United States Government; (4) mere membership in an organization; and (5) passive investment interests as a limited partner or non-managing member of a limited liability company.

## 2. Filer's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

Part 2 discloses the following:

- Sources of earned and other non-investment income of the filer totaling more than \$200 during the reporting period (e.g., salary, fees, partnership share, honoraria, scholarships, and prizes)
- Assets related to the filer's business, employment, or other income-generating activities (1) that ended the reporting period with a value greater than \$1,000 or (2) from which more than \$200 in income was received during the reporting period (e.g., equity in business or partnership, stock options, retirement plans/accounts and their underlying holdings as appropriate, deferred compensation, and intellectual property, such as book deals and patents)

This section does not include assets or income from United States Government employment or assets that were acquired separately from the filer's business, employment, or other income-generating activities (e.g., assets purchased through a brokerage account). Note: The type of income is not required if the amount of income is \$0 - \$200 or if the asset qualifies as an excepted investment fund (EIF).

## 3. Filer's Employment Agreements and Arrangements

Part 3 discloses agreements or arrangements that the filer had during the reporting period with an employer or former employer (except the United States Government), such as the following:

- Future employment
- Leave of absence
- Continuing payments from an employer, including severance and payments not yet received for previous work (excluding ordinary salary from a current employer)
- Continuing participation in an employee welfare, retirement, or other benefit plan, such as pensions or a deferred compensation plan
- Retention or disposition of employer-awarded equity, sharing in profits or carried interests (e.g., vested and unvested stock options, restricted stock, future share of a company's profits, etc.)

#### 4. Filer's Sources of Compensation Exceeding \$5,000 in a Year

Part 4 discloses sources (except the United States Government) that paid more than \$5,000 in a calendar year for the filer's services during any year of the reporting period.

The filer discloses payments both from employers and from any clients to whom the filer personally provided services. The filer discloses a source even if the source made its payment to the filer's employer and not to the filer. The filer does not disclose a client's payment to the filer's employer if the filer did not provide the services for which the client is paying.

#### 5. Spouse's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

Part 5 discloses the following:

- Sources of earned income (excluding honoraria) for the filer's spouse totaling more than \$1,000 during the reporting period (e.g., salary, consulting fees, and partnership share)
- Sources of honoraria for the filer's spouse greater than \$200 during the reporting period
- Assets related to the filer's spouse's employment, business activities, other income-generating activities (1) that ended the reporting period with a value greater than \$1,000 or (2) from which more than \$200 in income was received during the reporting period (e.g., equity in business or partnership, stock options, retirement plans/accounts and their underlying holdings as appropriate, deferred compensation, and intellectual property, such as book deals and patents)

This section does not include assets or income from United States Government employment or assets that were acquired separately from the filer's spouse's business, employment, or other income-generating activities (e.g., assets purchased through a brokerage account). Note: The type of income is not required if the amount of income is \$0 - \$200 or if the asset qualifies as an excepted investment fund (EIF). Amounts of income are not required for a spouse's earned income (excluding honoraria).

#### 6. Other Assets and Income

Part 6 discloses each asset, not already reported, (1) that ended the reporting period with a value greater than \$1,000 or (2) from which more than \$200 in investment income was received during the reporting period. For purposes of the value and income thresholds, the filer aggregates the filer's interests with those of the filer's spouse and dependent children.

This section does not include the following types of assets: (1) a personal residence (unless it was rented out during the reporting period); (2) income or retirement benefits associated with United States Government employment (e.g., Thrift Savings Plan); and (3) cash accounts (e.g., checking, savings, money market accounts) at a single financial institution with a value of \$5,000 or less (unless more than \$200 in income was received). Additional exceptions apply. Note: The type of income is not required if the amount of income is \$0 - \$200 or if the asset qualifies as an excepted investment fund (EIF).

## 7. Transactions

Part 7 discloses purchases, sales, or exchanges of real property or securities in excess of \$1,000 made on behalf of the filer, the filer's spouse or dependent child during the reporting period.

This section does not include transactions that concern the following: (1) a personal residence, unless rented out; (2) cash accounts (e.g., checking, savings, CDs, money market accounts) and money market mutual funds; (3) Treasury bills, bonds, and notes; and (4) holdings within a federal Thrift Savings Plan account. Additional exceptions apply.

## 8. Liabilities

Part 8 discloses liabilities over \$10,000 that the filer, the filer's spouse or dependent child owed at any time during the reporting period.

This section does not include the following types of liabilities: (1) mortgages on a personal residence, unless rented out (limitations apply for PAS filers); (2) loans secured by a personal motor vehicle, household furniture, or appliances, unless the loan exceeds the item's purchase price; and (3) revolving charge accounts, such as credit card balances, if the outstanding liability did not exceed \$10,000 at the end of the reporting period. Additional exceptions apply.

## 9. Gifts and Travel Reimbursements

This section discloses:

- Gifts totaling more than \$415 that the filer, the filer's spouse, and dependent children received from any one source during the reporting period.
- Travel reimbursements totaling more than \$415 that the filer, the filer's spouse, and dependent children received from any one source during the reporting period.

For purposes of this section, the filer need not aggregate any gift or travel reimbursement with a value of \$166 or less. Regardless of the value, this section does not include the following items: (1) anything received from relatives; (2) anything received from the United States Government or from the District of Columbia, state, or local governments; (3) bequests and other forms of inheritance; (4) gifts and travel reimbursements given to the filer's agency in connection with the filer's official travel; (5) gifts of hospitality (food, lodging, entertainment) at the donor's residence or personal premises; and (6) anything received by the filer's spouse or dependent children totally independent of their relationship to the filer. Additional exceptions apply.

## Privacy Act Statement

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