

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
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APPEARING AS A NOMINEE BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

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Thank you Chairman Barrasso, Ranking Member Carper, and members of the Committee. I am grateful to President Trump for nominating me to a third term of service on the Commission and was humbled by his request of me earlier this year to assume the role of the Commission's Chairman. If the Senate acts favorably on my nomination, I would, once again, be privileged to continue this work, alongside my currently serving colleagues, Commissioners Baran and Burns. I also congratulate my fellow nominees to the Commission and wish them well in this confirmation process. I know them both to be individuals of great capacity and commitment and am confident that, if confirmed, they will apply themselves in full measure to supporting the NRC's important mission.

According to those keeping records at the NRC, this is my eighteenth appearance as a witness before this committee; my third as a nominee. In light of that, the record of my views on relevant matters is well established. With the exception of Senators new to the Committee, it is likely that the votes I have taken and the positions I have established over this span of years provide adequate terrain for both agreement and disagreement with elements of my record. And I state with sincerity that my appearances before your Committee and the exchange of sometimes pointed differences on issues have shaped me as a Commissioner. The members of this Committee have routinely challenged me to examine all dimensions of the issues, to apply the highest rigor to my consideration of all matters, and to continue to stay open to new information and new insights. These exchanges reinforce the importance of never becoming complacent in my work, of maintaining an inquiring attitude, and being mindful always of the full weight of the solemn responsibilities entrusted to me. If you honor me with your approval of my nomination, I commit myself to continuing to approach my duties in this way.

Of course, any contributions I have made to the NRC during my time there would not have been achieved without the hard work and commitment of the women and men of the NRC and their sustained efforts to advance the NRC's mission under the law – that of ensuring adequate protection of public health and safety and promoting the common defense and security. Nearly 10 years into this journey, their commitment to this shared goal is what inspires and motivates me each day. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to convey my personal gratitude to each of them for their contributions to whatever achievements I have had along the way and for their engagements with me over the years, which have helped to shape and form my views on so many important matters.

Chairman Barrasso, Senator Carper, and members of the Committee, thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to appear today and look forward to the Committee's questions.