

**Statement of Nanci E. Langley  
Nomination Hearing to be Commissioner  
Postal Regulatory Commission  
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs  
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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

As someone who sat behind Senator Daniel Akaka for so many years on the dais in front of me, I am humbled, and I am pleased to be here today. I wish to thank President George Bush for nominating me as a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission. I am grateful to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid for recommending me to the President, and I am especially grateful to Senator Akaka for his advocacy on my behalf. Thank you, Senator Akaka for your gracious words.

I am honored to be accompanied by Dan Blair, Chairman of the Postal Regulatory Commission, along with Vice-Chairman Mark Acton and Commissioner Tony Hammond. Commissioner Ruth Goldway is in California with her family observing Passover. I am pleased that two former PRC Chairmen, George Omas and Ed Gleiman, are here today as well.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the many friends and colleagues who are here today to wish me well.

And I would like to introduce my husband of nearly 30 years, William Selander, who, for more than two decades as a Senate spouse, rarely complained about missed dinners and vacations taking place only when the Senate was out of session. I continue to be his biggest fan, and I thank him for all his support.

I am fortunate to have worked for two Senators from my home state of Hawaii – the late Senator Spark Matsunaga and Senator Akaka, who has been both my mentor and role model for over 17 years. I thank him for the many experiences and opportunities afforded to me. Although I left Senator Akaka's subcommittee staff a year ago, I know his door is always open to my family and me just as his heart is open to the people of Hawaii.

Having spent so many years helping to draft, to negotiate, and to enact the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, I am pleased to be implementing this new law in my present position as a senior officer of the Commission. If confirmed, I will be privileged to continue my public service as a member of the Commission.

In closing, as I look around the hearing room, I know that bringing to fruition the PAEA was not done in isolation. The mailing community, from union and association members to business mailers to individual citizens, moved this effort forward because of their collective desire to sustain the vitality and value of the U.S. Postal Service. The American people have the Members of this Committee, especially Chairman Carper, Senator Collins, Senator Lieberman, and Senator Akaka to thank for their tireless efforts.

Ensuring a fair balance between the flexibilities given to the Postal Service by the PAEA, with the accountability and transparency provided by the Postal Regulatory Commission will be my goal, if confirmed, as a Commissioner. I have the greatest respect for the four Commissioners who now carry out their duties with great responsibility and bipartisanship.

Thank you, Senator Carper and Senator Akaka. I also thank your staff for assisting me through this nomination process, especially John Kilvington, Chris Barkley, Larry Novey, Brooke Hayes, Evan Cash, Kristine Lam, and Jen Tarr.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my statement, and I am happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.