

STATEMENT OF MARK D. ACTON

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman (and Members of the Committee). I am honored to be with you today and I thank you for holding this hearing to consider my nomination as a Postal Regulatory Commissioner.

I want to thank the President for the honor of nominating me for this appointment, and I am most grateful for the support of our Majority Leader, and my home state senator, Mitch McConnell. My thanks to committee staff for their expert guidance and I would like also to acknowledge the support of my partner, family and friends.

I spent four years on staff at the Postal Rate Commission assisting the agency chairman in administering PRC operations, and since then have served as first a Postal Rate Commissioner and now as a Postal Regulatory Commissioner. I believe that my 14 years of postal policymaking experience affords me an informed perspective regarding key postal issues, as well as a close familiarity with the concerns of the postal community stakeholders. I am pleased to be considered for a continuing public service role, and if confirmed, I pledge to work with this committee to advance workable solutions that help to renew the vitality of a great American institution -- the United States Postal Service.

Mr. Chairman, I look forward to working with you and the other members of the committee, and I would be pleased to answer any questions.