

## Testimony for David Cummins – Nomination Hearing for TSA Administrator

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Chairman Paul, Ranking Member Peters, and distinguished members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today as President Trump’s nominee to be the next Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). It is an honor to be considered for this critical national security position, and if confirmed, I look forward to working with Secretary Mullin, the Department of Homeland Security and its component agencies, Congress, and our many public and private sector partners to carry out the mission to secure our skies and protect the traveling public.

I am humbled by the trust placed in me to lead TSA at a time when our nation faces evolving security challenges and increasing demands on our transportation systems. Throughout my career, I have worked closely with federal, state, and local partners, as well as with industry and private sector stakeholders, to address complex issues and to foster collaboration across the transportation sector. I have served in roles that require strategic vision and operational excellence, and I have consistently prioritized transparency, accountability, and innovation. These experiences have reinforced the importance of strong leadership, operational excellence, accountability, and innovation – principles that will guide me if confirmed.

If confirmed, my first priority will be to ensure that TSA continues to fulfill its critical mission of protecting the nation’s transportation systems while enabling the safe and efficient movement of people and commerce. I recognize that effective security and public trust go hand in hand. Maintaining the highest standards of security must be accompanied by a steadfast commitment to protecting the privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties of all passengers. I am committed to supporting TSA’s workforce and providing them with the tools, training, and resources they need to succeed.

Transportation security is a shared responsibility, and mission success depends on strong partnerships and open communication. I will focus on strengthening partnerships with our industry and private sector partners, leveraging their expertise and resources to advance security. I will work to foster a culture of innovation within TSA, encouraging the adoption of cutting-edge technology to enhance security and improve the overall passenger experience.

Finally, if confirmed, I commit to regularly engaging with Congress, to provide timely information, respond to congressional oversight requests, and working collaboratively to strengthen transportation security to ensure the agency is transparent with and accountable to the American taxpayer.

Chairman Paul, Ranking Member Peters, and distinguished Members of this Committee, thank you again for the opportunity to appear before you today. I am honored by this nomination and look forward to answering your questions.