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U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

**Hearing on Federal Labor Relations Authority and Office of Government
Ethics Nominations**

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OPENING STATEMENT

We are here to discuss two important agencies within our government – the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) and the Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

The FLRA is an independent administrative agency responsible for enforcing federal employees’ collective bargaining rights.

The OGE is an independent agency that leads and oversees the executive branch ethics program.

Together, these two bodies ensure that federal employees’ rights are protected and our government adheres to the highest standards of ethics.

These are vital functions, and I look forward to exploring them more with our nominees here today.

I want to welcome our nominees – and their families, if they’re here with them. Congratulations.

Thank you, each of you, for your public service – as well as your willingness to serve in these important positions.