Opening Statement of Roman Marian Chaban
Nominee to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court

Good morning, Chairman Paul, Ranking Member Peters, and distinguished members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today as you consider my nomination to serve as an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. I am deeply honored by this nomination and grateful to the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission for recommending me and to President Donald J. Trump for placing his confidence in me. I also want to thank the members of this Committee and your staff for the time and consideration you have devoted to this process.

I would like to begin by recognizing the people who have made this moment possible. First and foremost, my wonderful wife, Felicity, and our three children, Evan, Anya, and Leo. They are the center of my life, my greatest source of happiness, and a constant reminder of what matters most. I am extraordinarily grateful for their love, patience, and unwavering support throughout my career.

I am also deeply grateful to my parents and family, who instilled in me the values that have guided both my personal and professional life. As a first-generation Ukrainian American, I grew up with a profound appreciation for the opportunities this country provides and for the importance of the rule of law. My Ukrainian heritage is integral for my life and has shaped my understanding of the value of freedom, the responsibility of public service, and the importance of institutions that administer justice fairly and independently. Those principles have remained central to my life and career.

For nearly two decades, I have had the privilege of serving our country through public service, including in several leadership and judicial positions at the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of Homeland Security. These positions have given me the opportunity to serve in different capacities—as a judge, an attorney, and a leader responsible for the administration of a national court system. They have reinforced my belief that the fair and efficient administration of justice requires not only a thorough understanding of the law, but also sound judgment, humility, integrity, and respect for every person who comes before the court.

If confirmed, I would bring the full breadth of these experiences to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. I recognize the tremendous responsibility entrusted to its judges and the profound impact their decisions have on the lives of individuals, families, and the broader community. I would approach that responsibility with humility, diligence, impartiality, and an unwavering commitment to applying the law faithfully and treating every person who appears before me with respect.

Thank you again for considering my nomination. It would be the honor of my professional life to serve the people of the District of Columbia as a Superior Court judge.