

**Statement of Troy D. Edgar**  
**On his Nomination to Serve as**  
**Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security**  
**Before the**  
**U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs**  
**February 25, 2025**

Chairman Paul, Ranking Member Peters, and distinguished Members of the Committee, it is an honor for me to appear before you today as the President's nominee to be the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

I am grateful to President Trump and Secretary Noem for the trust and confidence that they have placed in me, and I thank the Committee for considering my nomination.

This process has enabled me to better appreciate the high honor bestowed upon me to serve the American people and better understand the critical expectations that this Committee may have for me, if confirmed to be the next Deputy Secretary for DHS.

Thanks to my Lord for his grace on my life and for the opportunity to serve my country.

My family is very important to me. Although they are not here, I would like to recognize them. Mat, Tyler, and Ethan are my sons. Tracy is my brother. And I honor the memory of my late mom and dad, Ralph and Maxine.

I would like to introduce my precious wife, Betty.

Betty embodies the American dream in a manner that enables me to understand the hopes and aspirations of millions of people who come to America. Her story also helps me understand the true weight of public service. I not only come to this nomination with technical skills and business experience, but with a conscience informed through the personal experiences of my wife.

Betty is an immigrant from Iran who spoke Farsi, Aramaic and French growing up in Tehran. Her family fled to the United States after the Shah was overthrown in 1979. When she arrived, she learned English and Spanish and then attained a bachelor and master's degree in French. She has been a French teacher at La Quinta High School for over 25 years. Betty rises every morning believing that she has the ability to change another student's life the way this country has changed hers. Thank you, Betty, for being here to support me today.

I have had the honor of previously working with many of you on this Committee in the first Trump Administration through my Senate confirmation as the DHS Chief Financial Officer (CFO). When I left as CFO on January 20, 2021, I was managing the DHS budget of \$90 billion

dollars which supported over 250,000 employees. That role allowed me to learn and resource the entire department—not just the important border security and immigration components. It is with this unique knowledge and my significant business experience that, if confirmed, I intend to honorably serve President Trump, Secretary Noem, and the American people to the best of my ability.

The DHS Deputy Secretary serves as the chief operating officer for the Department, and if confirmed, I will stay focused on supporting the Secretary and ensuring that we are effectively and efficiently using the policies and resources provided to meet the President's goals on immigration, border, and the other important national security missions of DHS. Furthermore, I will fully support the hard-working professionals at DHS by helping to provide the resources they need to fulfill their critically important missions.

Lastly, if confirmed, I look forward to working with this Committee and other Members of Congress to assist you in your important role of oversight and support for the Department. I am committed to investing the time to build critical working relationships needed to help significantly advance DHS.

Thanks again for this opportunity to appear before you, and I look forward to answering your questions.