

**Opening Statement of Chairman Ron Johnson:
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I want to welcome our new members, Senators Lankford, Ernst, Sasse, Booker, and Peters. I really do appreciate people joining what I think is a great Committee. I am providing each of you with a Mission and Priority Statement from Ranking Member Carper and myself. Coming from a business background I've always found it helpful to have a mission statement. Mission statements direct people's activities. I think this is something we can all agree on. The mission under my Chairmanship is to enhance the national and economic security of America. In my four years here this Committee has worked in a very cooperative, bipartisan fashion, first under Senators Lieberman and Collins, and then under the apt leadership of Senators Carper and Coburn and I want to continue that tradition. I'm dedicated to working together and trying to find places of agreement. This Committee offers an opportunity to find common ground. We all want to keep this Nation safe and secure and to ensure a prosperous America.