

Opening Remarks as Prepared
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Today, the Committee will consider two nominations for Governors of the United States Postal Service. If confirmed, these nominees will make decisions that impact millions of Americans. They will set mail rates, oversee the Postmaster General, and chart the course for the Postal Service.

If confirmed, these Governors will address these issues at a pivotal time for this American institution. The Postal Service is delivering less and less First-Class Mail to more and more places. It also faces labor shortages, service issues, and other problems. There is no doubt that the Governors have their work cut out for them.

At their nomination hearing, I was pleased to hear Mr. Kan and Mr. Tangherlini [TANG-ER-LEENY] express support for the Postal Service Reform Act that Chairman Peters and I worked to pass in the Senate with immense bipartisan support. I agree with the nominees that, coupled with Postmaster General DeJoy's Ten Year Plan, we have set the stage to "dramatically improve the effectiveness and efficiency of

the Postal Service.”¹ I was also pleased to hear both nominees express a thoughtful approach to vehicle procurement. Large investments require careful analysis and deliberation. Electric vehicles require substantial infrastructure, as well as access to critical minerals, which we currently largely get from Russia and China. The demands of interest groups should not influence a rational costs and benefits assessment.

I plan to vote today to confirm these nominees. They have decades of management experience in both the public and private sector and I believe they will perform their roles with diligence. If confirmed, I look forward to working with them to make the Postal Service work for the American people.

¹ Direct quote from Tangherlini.