

Statement for the Record

Sen. Kyrsten Sinema

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**Nomination hearing for Dr. Joseph Cuffari to be Inspector General,
Department of Homeland Security**

Thank you Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Peters for the opportunity to introduce a fellow Arizonan, Joseph Cuffari.

I have known Dr. Cuffari for several years, and he is an honorable public servant with more than 40 years of military and governmental service.

Joseph is a graduate of the University of Arizona. He served in the Air Force, Air Force Reserves and the Arizona Air National Guard, where he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He also served in the Department of Justice and the Department of Defense in the Offices of the Inspectors General.

He has been honored several times for his inspector general work and is known to be an independent and honest broker. Currently, Joseph serves the state of Arizona as a policy advisor for Arizona Governor Doug Ducey.

Now, Joseph is the nominee to serve as the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security.

I believe that Joseph Cuffari will carry out the duties of the Inspector General with the same integrity and independence that marked his time in the Offices of the Inspectors General in both the DOJ and the DOD, as well as the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Congratulations Dr. Cuffari on your nomination. I ask all my colleagues to give him fair consideration.

Thank you.