

**Opening Statement of Senator Jon Tester
Hearing on the Nomination of Katherine Archuleta to be
Director, Office of Personnel Management
July 16, 2013**

I just want to convene this afternoon's hearing to consider the nomination of Katherine Archuleta to lead the Office of Personnel Management. Senator Udall, who is a longtime friend of Ms. Archuleta is here to introduce her.

Ms. Archuleta has a long history of public service and wide-ranging experience managing large groups of employees, as well as navigating the personnel processes at the local, state, and national levels. Ms. Archuleta served as the chief advisor to two different Cabinet Secretaries: first as Chief of Staff to then-Secretary of Transportation Frederico Pena, and later as Chief of Staff to then-Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis. Ms. Archuleta also served as a Senior Policy Advisor in the U.S. Department of Energy.

I want to thank you for being here today, Ms. Archuleta. Thank you for joining us. Congratulations on your nomination.