

Prepared Statement
The Honorable Katherine C. Tobin
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Chairman Carper, Ranking Member Collins, and Members of the Committee:

It is an honor and a pleasure to be here today as a nominee for the position of Governor on the Board of the United States Postal Service. I am delighted to be paired in this confirmation hearing with my colleague and friend Jim Miller. Thank you, Senators, for your consideration of our interest in continuing our service.

I am joined by my husband Judge Evan Wallach, my sister Alice Zaff and several dear friends.

I am here today for one reason, which is the United States Postal Service is an outstanding American institution. It is neither a business, nor a classic government agency and yet we expect it to be both at the same time. We can do better to help it transform. It needs to transform, but its mission has not changed; it is still of vital importance for this country to have this amazing network and infrastructure that ties people, products and services together. The United States Postal Service provides national communications, it is a catalyst for commerce; it plays key roles in terms of security and law enforcement, and it is a large national employer, providing jobs to more veterans than any other institution.

I look forward to answering your questions and to working again with this wonderful, essential and evolving organization; the United States Postal Service.

Thank you.