

Prepared Statement of Derek Kan
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Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member Peters, and distinguished members of the committee, I am honored by the opportunity to come before you as President Trump's nominee for the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I am also thankful for Acting Director Vought's support of my nomination.

I am grateful for my wife and our three kids. They have made significant sacrifices in uprooting their lives to move out to DC three years ago so that I may serve in this Administration.

I am also thankful for my parents, Scott and Julie, who have worked so hard to give me plentiful opportunities throughout my life. They immigrated here from Taiwan over forty years ago to pursue the American dream. My mother, who never graduated from college, taught me the value of hard work and persistence. My father, an engineer, taught me the value of rigorous analysis and that it's okay to be silly. Together, they taught me to have a deep respect for authority, a love for this country, and unwavering faith. I hope to make them proud.

I began my career at the Office of Management and Budget as a civil servant in the Presidential Management Fellowship program working on Veterans Affairs Programs. OMB is comprised of the most talented civil servants in the Federal government. After starting my career at OMB, I moved over to the Senate where I made recommendations on budget and appropriations legislation and helped navigate budget issues across the Senate floor. It was a privilege to work in the Senate and it is with a deep sense of humility and gratitude that I come before you today for this nomination.

Since leaving the Senate, I worked in the private sector to learn how to manage and improve organizations, grow businesses, and help others. A few years ago, I came back to serve as Under Secretary for Policy at the Department of Transportation. I believe I faithfully served the nation in that capacity by improving safety, rebuilding our nation's infrastructure, and introducing the latest technology into the work of DOT.

Having been a civil servant at OMB, a Senate staffer working with OMB, and as a policy official who worked to implement the guidance of OMB, I would be grateful for this opportunity to serve as the Deputy to improve the management of our agencies and the finances of our nation. You have my commitment that, if I am confirmed, I will work collaboratively with each and every one of you to address the needs of our nation.

Thank you for the opportunity to come before you and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.