

**Prepared Statement of Patrick Pizzella
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Senate Homeland Security & Government Affairs Committee**

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Before I begin I would like to recognize my wife--Mary Joy--who previously served at the Department of Energy, the State Department and the General Services Administration.

Chairman Carper, Senator Portman, Senator Tester and Members of the Committee, I want to thank you and your staff for all the courtesies they have shown to me as I have prepared for this hearing. Given the seriousness of the issues that surround you on the eve of a new fiscal year I am especially appreciative of the time you have taken to ensure the Federal Labor Relations Authority operates at full strength.

This is the third time I have had the privilege of being nominated by a President for a position of public trust. I am honored the President nominated me to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority and, if confirmed, I will dedicate myself to discharging the responsibilities of the FLRA in accordance with laws, rules and regulations.

I began my tenure in federal service in the early 1980's and I believe my 21 years of experience in the Executive Branch will be an asset to the FLRA.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.