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Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee.

I am honored to be with you today and I thank you for holding this hearing to consider my nomination as Postal Regulatory Commissioner.

I want to thank President Obama for his confidence in me and for the honor of nominating me for this appointment. I am most grateful for the support of our Minority Leader, and my home state Senator, Mitch McConnell. My thanks to Committee staff for their expert guidance and I would like also to acknowledge the loving support of my partner, family and friends.

I am pleased to have spent four years on staff at the Postal Rate Commission assisting the former agency Chairman in administering PRC operations, and the past five years as first a Postal Rate Commissioner and now a Postal Regulatory Commissioner. To PRC employees, I offer profound thanks for their dedicated, hard work.

Much has changed in the postal world during those nine years and we find ourselves today in particularly challenging times. I believe that my experience affords me a clear appreciation of key postal issues, as well as a close familiarity with the concerns of the postal community stakeholders. I am pleased to be considered for a continuing role. If confirmed, I pledge to work with this Committee in advancing workable solutions that help to renew and ensure the vitality of the United States Postal Service.

Mr. Chairman, I look forward to working with you and the other members of the Committee, and I would be pleased to answer any questions.

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