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Nominee to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
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Good afternoon, Chairman Moran, Ranking Member Blumenthal, and distinguished Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear today to for your consideration to be a Judge for the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Thanks to President Trump for nominating me for consideration. Thanks to Mr. Collins, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, for the support. If confirmed I will make every effort to provide veterans with the benefits they have earned in a timely manner.

My professional and personal experiences have thoroughly prepared me for this role. Over my 46 years as an attorney and 30-year career in federal service, I have built a legacy of transformative leadership and unwavering dedication to advancing the interests of soldiers and veterans.

I currently serve as Deputy General Counsel in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Over the course of my legal career, I have represented individuals, government entities, corporations, and federal government agencies.

I have handled complex litigation, administrative law, and veteran-related cases. These experiences have provided me with a deep understanding of legal processes as well as the unique challenges veterans face. My qualifications enable me to approach each case with expertise, and a strong commitment to justice.

Recently, as Deputy General Counsel for the VA, I have led efforts to improve medical care access for veterans and improve many systems serving veterans.

This year will be my thirtieth year of government service. Throughout my career, I have been guided by a singular focus: serving those who serve our country.

I have profound respect for those who have served our country. Throughout my career, working alongside soldiers and veterans has fostered in me patience, and a strong sense of duty. These qualities, combined with my legal experience, drive my desire to serve as a judge and ensure fair outcomes for those who have dedicated themselves to our nation.

I look forward to your questions.

Thank you.