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Chairman Moran, Ranking Member Blumenthal, and distinguished Members of this Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. I am honored that the President has nominated me to serve as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. I am also humbled by the possibility of the great task before me – ensuring that our nation meets its sacred responsibility to our veterans and their families. These are the individuals that have taken an oath to support and defend our Constitutional Republic, many of whom have, as President Lincoln described them at the end of the Civil War, “borne the battle” on behalf of our country. I can think of no higher calling.

I have had the privilege of serving my country for the past 20 years in the United States Army as a judge advocate – both a soldier and a lawyer, in a variety of assignments in a variety of locations. But my service was not mine alone.

I’ve had the support of my amazing wife, April, who is with me here today. Her tireless support and love for our family never ceases to amaze me, and I’ve admired and appreciated her own service and sacrifice for our country as a public servant. I’ve had the love and support of our five children. The youngest three are with me today, as my oldest son is away at college, and my other son has just reported to his first duty station after graduating from Coast Guard basic training a few weeks ago. Regardless of what title I have held or will hold in my life, my family has given me the title I most cherish – that of husband and father. I am extremely blessed because of them and love them all more than anything in this world.

I’ve also had the privilege of amazing examples of selfless service to our country, starting with my dad, Senior Chief (Retired) William Jones Sr., who spent 30 years in the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, and my mom, Joyce Jones, who faithfully supported his service while lovingly caring for a family of six children. They remain the greatest influences in my life. My three older brothers, who followed in our dad’s footsteps and answered the noble call to serve their country, by enlisting in the Coast Guard, Army, and Marine Corps out of high school. My brother, Rob, the Marine, is here with me today.

These examples of service extend beyond those wearing the uniform – as my two sisters serve their communities as a teacher, married to a police officer, and a nurse, married to a firefighter.

My family’s love for our country and service to it makes me immensely proud. Their examples have all contributed to who I am and have led me to where I am today sitting in front of you. After serving my country for two decades in uniform, I am honored to be considered for continued service on the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Thank you for your consideration, and I would be glad to answer any of your questions.