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Nominee for the Position of  
Intelligence Community Inspector General  
Statement for the Record  
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Chairman Cotton, Vice Chairman Warner, and Distinguished Members of this Committee—

I am honored and humbled to appear before you as you consider my nomination to be the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community.

First, I want to thank President Trump and Director Gabbard for placing their trust and confidence in me. I am joined today by my wonderful mother, Jessica, and my stepfather, Scott. Also seated behind me is a Major Fox; an incredible Army nurse who happens to be my wife and the true north of my heart. To my family and friends who could not make it today, thank you for your love and support.

I am also grateful to the Air Force and the Army for sharpening me into the man I am today, to the warfighters with whom I served, and especially to those who spilled their blood for our Nation and never made it home. I also want to recognize the fact Mr. Street, Mr. Dever, and I are combat veterans who were prior enlisted service members and became commissioned officers. I am proud to be by their side.

Most importantly, I am grateful to my Lord and savior Jesus Christ, for His grace and blessings through the journey leading to this moment.

I have spent nearly 20 years on the front lines and behind the scenes of national security as a Special Warfare Airman, clandestine CIA officer, Army JAG officer, and in various other positions crafting and executing U.S. policy. Along the way, I built a technology startup and led intelligence professionals in the private sector. Since April of this year, I have served as a Senior Advisor to the Director of National Intelligence and Acting Chief of the ODNI's Information Management Office, where I oversee Freedom of Information Act compliance, records management, classification reviews, and declassification efforts, including facilitating the production of materials for Congress.

I have worked within and alongside the Intelligence Community in many capacities, from operations, to analysis, and policy—and I understand the stakes. My approach to oversight is shaped by hard experience. I have made split-second decisions under fire, and I have developed strategic policies to keep Americans safe. I have witnessed intelligence operations succeed spectacularly; and fail because of fear, politics, and bureaucracy. I have also fought to stop bad decisions, even when it risked my own career or reputation.

I did not take the easy road here. I have challenged careerists who wanted to play it safe and avoid risk in their own self-interest. I have backed whistleblowers when it was not popular. The mission of national security demands integrity and moral courage, and in my professional life, I have always sought to the difficult right over the easy wrong.

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If confirmed, I will bring that same principle-driven leadership to the role of the IC IG.

My priorities will be straightforward:

First, I will protect whistleblowers—not just in principle, but in practice. Whistleblowers are often the only ones willing to raise the alarm for issues that could have been resolved before they develop into crises. Whistleblowers deserve respect, protection, and prompt action.

Second, I will align our oversight activities with the real threats faced by our Nation—from Chinese cyberoperations, to nuclear brinksmanship from Russian and Iran, to transnational cartels pushing fentanyl across our borders. Oversight should ensure the IC is addressing these threats effectively and efficiently, not distract from the mission.

Third, I will bring the IC IG out of the shadows. Too many officer and contractors in our Intelligence Community do not know who the Inspectors General are, what we do, or how we can help. I plan to fix that. Our teams should be in the field, not behind a firewall. Known, Trusted, and Accessible.

And finally, I will modernize the IG's resources, especially with respect to technology and information sharing. Oversight cannot be static. Today's IG needs state-of-the-art case management systems and robust coordination between the 18 IC elements. By improving workflow and optimizing human capital, the IC IG will be better positioned to provide clear and timely congressional reporting, with more valuable context, and an increased emphasis on calling out both misconduct and excellence.

I am not a political actor or DC insider. I worked hard for everything I have. I earned four academic degrees while working full-time. I have made mistakes, and I know what it means to earn back trust. That same lesson grounds me today: integrity is what you do when no one is watching. And oversight is that same ethic—scaled up for the institutions that hold our Nation's secrets.

If confirmed, I will strive to ensure the IC's moral compass is properly calibrated. I will never throw someone under the bus for being honest and acting in good faith, but I will make sure people are held accountable for their actions, and that the IC learns from its mistakes, to improve efficiency and effectiveness, and to rebuild trust with the American people.

If confirmed, I will be independent, impartial, and fair. I will listen to the workforce, not just the leadership. I will question previous assumptions and make pragmatic decisions to advance the mission. The IC IG has an important role in handling significant issues across the IC. If confirmed, I will be committed to keeping Congress fully and currently formed, so with the facts you need to do conduct your important oversight role.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. I look forward to your questions.