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Chairman Cotton, Vice Chairman Warner, and Members of the Committee: it is a tremendous honor to appear before you today as you consider my nomination to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis.

I would like to thank my lord and savior Jesus Christ for all of the blessings of this life; my wife, Tippi, who is here with me today, and our newborn son for their endless love and support; President Trump for this opportunity to again serve our country; and Secretary Bessent for his confidence in me.

I would also like to thank my family, including my mother and father, and the mentors, former colleagues, and close friends present at this hearing, and watching from afar, who have helped shape my career and professional development in the practice of law, in the United States Marine Corps, in U.S. Special Operations Command, in the Intelligence Community, in multiple Executive Branch national security roles, and certainly here on the staff of this august Committee.

Service to our Country runs in my family: I am the fourth U.S. Marine Officer in my family and the second to have served in the Intelligence Community. It has been a high honor not only to continue this tradition, but also uniquely gratifying to have spent nearly two decades at the forefront of our Country's national security. I should point out, as well, that my wife, Tippi, has similarly dedicated her own career to public service and national security. I am immeasurably proud of the sacrifices she has made on behalf of our Country's national security; she inspires me daily with her devotion both to our family and to her own professional duties.

Were I to be confirmed, it would be a unique privilege to lead one of the 18 components of the U.S. Intelligence Community. Understanding first-hand the hard and often anonymous nature of intelligence work, it would be an honor to again call the men and women of the Intelligence Community colleagues, particularly in Treasury's Office of Intelligence and Analysis (OIA).

My career to date has afforded me incredible service opportunities, often granting unfettered access to the collection of intelligence and utilization of intelligence to inform national security policy decisions.

During President Trump's first term, I had the opportunity to serve in Office of the Secretary of Defense directing Syria policy and, later, on the staff of the National Security Council at the White House. On the NSC staff, I led the President's policies on the Levant and, later, as a Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, I helped lead the development of the President's Middle East and North Africa policy.

Since 2021, I have had the privilege to serve on the professional staff of this Committee where my oversight portfolio responsibilities have included, *inter alia*, covert action, the Middle East,

the Federal Bureau of Investigation, counterintelligence, and other specific specialized intelligence programs.

Treasury's critical role in both regulating domestic financial markets and leveraging the might of the U.S. financial system toward U.S. foreign policy goals *is formidable*. Yet still, my experience having executed dozens of tailored sanctions designations in the White House, from multiple different authorities including Executive Orders and Congressionally drafted legislation, provided me the opportunity to witness the exceptional power of the U.S. financial system in achieving statecraft on behalf of the United States. The power of the U.S. financial system is one of the greatest tools of the U.S. national security apparatus. Treasury's intelligence collection and analysis are critical to this instrument of national power and to the President's ability to wield as much.

If confirmed, I would bring to bear my own intelligence and policy experience, while leveraging an exemplary existing team within OIA. Likewise, if confirmed, I would prioritize effective task organization of the OIA team toward the President and Secretary's objectives; ensure focused analysis of narco-terrorist and legacy terror organizations; partner with IC colleagues to enhance collection on illicit financial activities of adversarial nation state actors including Iran, China, North Korea, and Russia; and assess the counterintelligence posture of OIA personnel and Treasury infrastructure to enhance defenses against new and emerging threats.

As an alumnus of this Committee's staff, I pledge my continued commitment to robust Congressional intelligence oversight and cooperation therewith.

Thank you again for your time today. I look forward to your questions.