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**U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation**  
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Good morning, Chairman Cruz, Ranking Member Cantwell, and distinguished members of this Committee. I am honored and humbled by President Trump's nomination to serve as a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Before going forward, I would like to recognize my wife, Catherine who is my strongest supporter and is the love of my life. Our children – Chloe, George and Eloise -- are our greatest pride and joy. I count myself very blessed.

My experience in public service has prepared me to serve as a Commissioner. As the current Executive Director, I have gained a deep understanding of the agency's mission, statutory responsibilities, and the challenges of protecting consumers in a complex and rapidly evolving marketplace.

The mission of CPSC is critically important because consumer product safety affects every American, every day. Effective consumer protection prevents injuries and saves lives while strengthening public confidence in the products consumers use and supports a fair and predictable marketplace for responsible businesses.

Since I joined CPSC, under the leadership of Acting Chairman Peter Feldman and through the hard work of CPSC's men and women:

- The average number of monthly recalls is up 73%.
- The average number of monthly unilateral warnings is up 159%.
- The average number of monthly products screened at ports of entry is up 20%.
- The average number of monthly takedowns is up 208%.

If confirmed, I hope to build on these successes. Throughout my career, I have led organizations responsible for managing risk, improving performance, and making evidence-based decisions. As a Commissioner, I would use that experience to help ensure the agency remains an effective, accountable, and trusted consumer protection organization that delivers measurable impact within the limits of its statutory authority.

If confirmed, I would focus on three priorities that are central to advancing CPSC's mission.

First, I would prioritize addressing hidden and complex product hazards that consumers cannot reasonably identify or avoid on their own. Many of the most serious risks stem from design flaws, manufacturing defects, or other hazards that require specialized expertise to detect.

Second, I would focus on strengthening CPSC's use of data, analytics, and technology to identify hazards earlier, improve enforcement, and target resources. Advanced analytics will move the agency from a reactive approach to one that prevents injuries before they occur.

Third, I would focus on ensuring CPSC keeps pace with innovation and emerging product risks. New technologies, advanced materials, connected devices, and energy-storage systems offer significant benefits but can also create new safety challenges.

The Commission's mission is simple but profoundly important: protecting Americans from unreasonable risks of injury. If confirmed, I will work every day to ensure CPSC carries out that mission with integrity, sound science, and a relentless focus on results. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.