

TESTIMONY

OF

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NOMINEE TO BE THE ADMINISTRATOR
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

BEFORE

THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

ON

"CONFIRMATION HEARING"

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Chairman Cruz, Ranking Member Cantwell, and distinguished members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today as President Trump's nominee to be the next Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). It is an honor to be considered for this critical national security position, and if confirmed, I look forward to the opportunity to work with Secretary Mullin, the Department of Homeland Security and its component agencies, and Congress to carry out the mission to secure our skies and protect the traveling public.

I am humbled by the trust placed in me to lead TSA at a time when our nation faces evolving security challenges and increasing demands on our transportation systems. Throughout my career, I have worked closely with federal, state, and local partners, as well as with industry and private sector stakeholders, to address complex issues and to foster collaboration across the transportation sector. I have served in positions that require strategic vision and operational excellence, and I have consistently prioritized transparency, accountability, and innovation. I believe these qualities are essential for leading TSA.

If confirmed, my top priority will be to ensure that TSA continues to fulfill its mission of protecting the nation's transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement for people and commerce. I recognize the importance of maintaining the highest standards of security while also respecting the privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties of all passengers. I am committed to supporting TSA's workforce and providing them with the tools, training, and resources they need to succeed.

Transportation security is a shared responsibility, and I believe that open communication and collaboration are vital to mission success. I will focus on strengthening partnerships with our industry and private sector partners, leveraging their expertise and resources to advance security. I will work to foster a culture within TSA that welcomes and celebrates innovation, encouraging the adoption of cutting-edge technology to enhance security, all while improving the passenger experience.

Finally, if confirmed, I commit to regularly engaging with Congress and this Committee, to provide timely information, respond to congressional oversight requests, and working collaboratively to strengthen transportation security to ensure the agency is transparent with and accountable to the American taxpayer.

Chairman Cruz, Ranking Member Cantwell, and distinguished Members of this Committee, thank you again for the opportunity to appear before you today. I am honored to be nominated and look forward to your questions.