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Thank you, Chairman Capito, Ranking Member Whitehouse, and members of the committee. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to discuss the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Budget Request for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

I would like to take a moment to thank many of you for supporting the confirmation of EPA's leadership team, who have wasted no time enacting President Trump's agenda and helping to Power the Great American Comeback.

Marking one year of President Trump being back in office, EPA announced over 500 environmental wins in that first year. We've made enormous strides to tackle the decades-long Tijuana River sewage crisis that's affected San Diego area communities, we're getting lead out of drinking water across the country, and we're proving you don't have to choose between a strong economy and a clean environment.

This great work is just a fraction of what EPA accomplishes on a daily basis as we continue to fulfill the agency's core mission of protecting human health and the environment.

There are Democrats on this dais who want the EPA to govern in left-wing fantasy, pursuing their agenda to destroy entire sectors of our economy. At the Trump EPA, we govern in reality, we are committed to supporting more baseload power sources in this country to meet this moment and unleash energy dominance.

I fulfilled a commitment I made during my confirmation to visit all 50 states as EPA Administrator, and I completed that effort in just 9.5 months. During those visits, I learned how EPA policies, rules and regulations impacted farmers, small business owners, and our energy providers.

It was exciting to often witness in my travels groundbreaking after groundbreaking, seeing firsthand the projects that are underway to unleash energy dominance, grow our economy, and power the artificial intelligence revolution.

During my visits, I asked: **How can we help** and **where do we need to get out of the way?**

Everywhere I heard, “we need certainty and consistency.” The Trump EPA is committed to bringing down costs for American families by ending the whiplash of the radical climate agenda.

The Supreme Court’s overturning of the Chevron doctrine made it clear that agencies like EPA no longer have the freedom to creatively bend the law to fulfill the demands of unelected bureaucrats. This paved the way to our greatest deregulatory achievement yet; the rescission of the 2009 Endangerment Finding.

For 16 years, the Endangerment Finding has been the source of consumer choice restrictions and trillions of dollars in hidden costs piled onto Americans. This single decision lessens the federal government’s harmful grip over our economy, saving over \$1 trillion dollars and bringing down the cost of new vehicles.

In November, EPA rolled out a proposed rule that would establish a clear, durable, common-sense definition of “waters of the United States” (WOTUS), faithfully abiding by the Supreme Court’s decision in Sackett. Democrat Administrations have weaponized the definition of navigable waters to seize more power from American farmers, landowners, entrepreneurs, and families. We heard from Americans across the country who want clean water and a clear rule. No longer should America’s landowners be forced to spend precious money hiring an attorney or consultant just to tell them whether a Water of the United States is on their property.

As we work to protect human health and the environment, grow our economy, and restore America’s energy dominance, EPA has taken several actions to bolster domestic energy generation. In February, we took steps to end Democrats’ war on coal by repealing the Biden administration’s overly burdensome 2024 Mercury and Air Toxics Standards amendments. The rule imposed massive costs and red tape on coal-and oil-fired power plants, driving up the cost of living for American families, jeopardizing our grid reliability and national security, and limiting American energy and manufacturing dominance.

Having reliable energy production not only provides lower costs for American families but ensures national security.

The President’s FY 2027 Budget will continue to make EPA efficient and effective stewards of Americans’ hard-earned taxpayer dollars and fulfill all our statutory obligations and our core mission. This budget proposal captures significant efficiencies and a returned focus on what Congress has directed us to do, demonstrating our commitment to a leaner, more efficient, and accountable EPA focused on environmental work that directly benefits the American people. The budget supports and aligns with President Trump’s goal of rightsizing the federal workforce, with a staff not one more or less than what is necessary.

We will continue working each and every day to deliver an EPA that works to empower the American people while protecting our nation’s air, land, and water.

I look forward to answering your questions. Thank you.