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Good morning, Madam Chair, Ranking Member Whitehouse and distinguished members of this committee. Thank you for holding this hearing today.

My name is Douglas Troutman. Today I have the privilege of appearing before you as the President's nominee to be the Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP).

I want to express my deep gratitude to President Trump and Administrator Zeldin for the confidence and trust that they have put in me. It is an honor to be nominated and here today.

I am joined today by my wife Pam and son Max and my daughter Emily is joining remotely.

My mother, Dorothy, my late father Allen and in-laws Robert and Mary, complete the proud family members among many other colleagues and friends who support me and to whom I say simply, deeply and genuinely -- thank you.

I come to you with a deep respect for public service and serving the interest of others. I follow on the path of my father who served in the military; and siblings who did the same in the Navy and the Army; and my sister as a nurse.

Coming from Pennsylvania and now residing in Maryland, I am fortunate to enjoy clean air, water and land, and also a robust economy that has showed me the power of dynamic innovations and the brilliance of new technologies.

I seek to help all Americans have these same benefits that I am fortunate to enjoy. If confirmed, I am committed to working to bring the best to all through this office to provide a clean, safe environment with an eye toward strong economic growth and social wellbeing.

My entry into public service and my professional career began as a Senate aide.

Indeed, the variety of issues I saw on Capitol Hill including chemical policy matters helped to reinforce the path I am on now.

With my background, I gained the unique vantage point to understand the power of chemical innovations and their impact on the lives of Americans.

Most of my career has been spent working on complex environmental legal frameworks and their role and importance at the federal and state levels. I have been part of broad

public policy roles throughout my career and have engaged in substantive statutory and rulemaking processes and implementation.

As you this Committee knows, OCSPP leads the chemical policy work across the Agency to develop and implement broad chemical policy and programs. OCSPP is charged with the mission of protecting you, your family, and the environment from potential risks. This reduces waste, saves energy and natural resources, leaving our homes, schools and workplaces cleaner and safer.

OCSPP implements four main statutes and portions of others. It's three main offices are Pesticide Programs; Pollution Prevention and Toxics, and Program Support.

The OCSPP staff are a talented and dedicated group, and if confirmed, I would be proud to lead -- and to learn from them.

If confirmed, I hope to bring a reasoned approach to engaging chemical management matters and issues under the belief that economic prosperity and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive.

I pledge to work with the public, this Committee, and Congress in a balanced and thoughtful manner that promotes clean air, land, water and an overall environment and to leverage this Nation's innovative technologies to continue to stimulate economic growth.

I look forward to working with all of you to fulfill this mission.

Madam Chair and Ranking Member Whitehouse thank you for the invitation.

I look forward to answering your questions and working together.