Statement of Commissioner David A. Wright
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
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Chairman Carper, ranking-member Capito, and honorable members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

This is an exciting time for the Commission. The policy decisions that we have in front of us will play a pivotal role in shaping the energy future of this country, as well as beyond our borders, and I'm honored to be a part of that process. By working together, the five of us can help meet this moment in time to enable the safe use of nuclear technologies while we continue to meet our mission of reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety and to promote the common defense and security and to protect the environment.

On behalf of me and my team, I want to thank my colleagues and their staffs for their willingness to work together on important issues before us, such as advanced reactors, accident-tolerant fuel, fusion, cleanup of legacy uranium mines, and spent fuel storage, just to name a few. I'm also grateful for the NRC staff, who are truly some of the smartest and most talented people that I've ever been around. They do an outstanding job of monitoring the day-to-day safety of our nuclear facilities, and I want to take this moment to thank them on the record. Going forward, I look forward to the continued excellent support and insights that they provide us.

And with that, I look forward to your questions.