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Chairman Capito, Ranking Member Whitehouse, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you with my colleagues to discuss the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's efforts to enable the safe and secure use of nuclear technologies for the benefit of our nation.

On December 3, 2025, I appeared before this Committee as a nominee to become a member of the Commission. I testified on that day that, if confirmed, I would work with the current members of the Commission to effectively implement both the ADVANCE Act and Executive Order 14300 in a manner that maintains public trust and meets the needs of the Nation.

As I approach five months on the Commission, I can say that the NRC is delivering on those commitments and will continue to do so as we implement our new organizational model, new regulations, and more risk-informed programs.

NRC stands ready to meet the country's needs today, and we'll be even better positioned to do so tomorrow. I would describe the work we are doing as transformational. The full scope of the changes will become apparent as the Commission deliberates on, and issues, the full suite of proposed rules in the coming months. These regulatory changes, in conjunction with the cultural and organizational alignment in progress, will result in an NRC that is both safety-focused and a true enabler of nuclear technology. That's the vision.

I am committed to advancing that vision through my votes, my engagement with staff and stakeholders, and my work with my colleagues on the Commission. I appreciate the Committee's oversight and look forward to your questions.