

Statement of Troy Edgar
Nominee for U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador
Senate Foreign Relations Committee
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Chairman Ricketts, Ranking Member Coons, and distinguished Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I am deeply honored by the President's nomination to serve as United States Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

I want to introduce and thank my wife Betty for being here today. I am grateful to my family for their steadfast support and to the people I have had the privilege to serve alongside throughout my career. Representing the United States abroad is among the highest responsibilities our nation can bestow, and I approach this nomination with humility, seriousness of purpose, and respect for the statutorily mandated role of this Committee.

El Salvador is one of our most important partners in the Western Hemisphere. Our nations are bound by geography, shared security interests, and enduring ties, including a vibrant Salvadoran American community that strengthens our country every day. The bilateral relationship sits at the intersection of critical U.S. priorities including combatting illegal immigration, counternarcotics and law enforcement cooperation, economic growth, democracy, and regional stability. In many ways, how we work with El Salvador will help shape broader patterns of cooperation and stability across Central America and throughout the Hemisphere.

If confirmed, my mandate will be clear: to faithfully represent the President and the United States, to advance American national security and economic interests, and to strengthen cooperation with the government and people of El Salvador in ways that produce tangible results for both nations.

Effective diplomacy requires resolve and respect in equal measures. If confirmed, I will engage directly with Salvadoran leadership, including President Bukele, to deepen cooperation against transnational criminal organizations and foreign terrorist organizations and expand mutual economic opportunity.

Throughout my career, including as Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, I have focused on institutional integrity, operational discipline, and supporting the professionals entrusted with executing our nation's policies.

If confirmed, my full attention will be devoted to leading our mission in San Salvador with professionalism, clarity of purpose, and full accountability to this Committee and to the American people.

I welcome your guidance and oversight, and I look forward to your questions.
Thank you.