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Thank you, Chairman Hagerty, Ranking Member, and Members of the Committee. It is a great honor to appear as the nominee to be the U.S. Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. I am very grateful to President Trump and to Secretary Rubio for their trust and confidence in me.

I am also very grateful for and humbled by the tremendous support I have received from my family and friends throughout this process. My three sons very much wanted to be here today but work obligations in New York and at the captain's career course at Fort Benning disrupted those plans. Also, not with us today, but very much in my thoughts, are my late wife Kamilla and her family, my late father, Brigadier General Alfred Hurley, my ninety-six-year-old mother, Johanna Hurley, and my three brothers and sister. Kindly standing in for them are the several close friends seated behind me.

Under President Trump's leadership, America is building, investing, and growing again. The President has put American jobs, American manufacturing, and American prosperity first and has required our partners and allies to accept more equitable terms of trade and burden sharing.

The OECD can and should be integral to this process. Its 38 member economies all share a common commitment to market principles, democratic values, and the rule of law, making the OECD one of very few international venues to develop standards free from the interference of non-market economies like the Peoples Republic of China and Russia.

Using massive industrial subsidies, intellectual property theft, and malign political influence, authoritarian regimes have gained economic advantage and pitted our nations' businesses and governments against one another. Under President Trump's leadership, we have finally begun to confront these threats, including early steps to address dangerous supply chain dependencies that threaten our prosperity and our national security.

When functioning at its best, the OECD provides the forum and the objective data-driven research to develop and coordinate economic policies with our like-minded

friends that maximize common prosperity and resist these dire threats. It should guide its member economies towards intelligent pro-growth tax, regulatory and energy policies and anticipate and help rectify economic vulnerabilities long before we are forced to react to them.

I come to this role and before this Committee with a mix of private sector, government, and academic experience that I believe prepares me well to advocate for the United States and our priorities at the OECD. I spent over 30 years investing in technology companies and building an investment firm and have served in the Army, on the President's Intelligence Advisory Board, and on the boards of a long list of institutions dedicated to freedom, prosperity, and national security.

In my most recent role as Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, I have collaborated closely with our allies to protect the global financial system and counter our adversaries. In those discussions, I have shared with our foreign partners that I am the son and nephew of career U.S. Air Force officers, the brother and father of two Army officers, and a former Army officer myself. Since the inception of the Cold War, my family and I have served side by side with our allies in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East and are deeply committed to those alliances and partnerships. But in those discussions, I have also been very frank about the failure of many of our partners to heed President Trump's warnings about underfunded militaries, economic dependence on adversaries, and malign foreign influence.

I firmly believe that cooperation with like-minded allies and partners can be a force-multiplier and make both our friends and us safer and more prosperous. Like President Trump and Secretary Rubio, I also believe that to be sustainable, those alliances and trade relationships must be fair, balanced, and serve the interests of the American people.

Mr. Chairman, our fellow Americans need us to engage with our partners to protect peace, freedom, and prosperity and provide our businesses with open and reliable markets. If confirmed by the Committee, the needs and security of those citizens will always be my primary concern.

If confirmed, I look forward to leading the talented and dedicated State Department professionals on our OECD team and to working closely with you, this Committee and its staff, and my interagency partners.

Thank you and I look forward to answering your questions.