

**Opening Statement of Thomas A. Rose**  
**Nominee for U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Poland**  
**Senate Foreign Relations Committee**  
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Mr. Chairman, Madame Ranking Member, and distinguished Members of this Committee:

Thank you Senator Hagerty for that kind introduction. My name is Tom Rose, and I am honored to appear before you as President Trump's nominee to serve as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Poland. I am deeply humbled and profoundly grateful to President Trump for the trust he has placed in me to advance American interests in Poland, and I thank this committee for considering my nomination.

I'm mindful of the heavy responsibility this nomination carries. I'm not a career diplomat, but I have spent a lifetime defending American values and interests. If honored with the support of this committee and the full Senate to whom you will report, I'll proudly bring those convictions to Warsaw on behalf of President Trump and the American people.

The relationship between the U.S. and Poland is built on shared ideals — liberty, sovereignty, and the unbreakable bonds of family, faith and freedom. From the Polish patriots who fought with our Founding Fathers, to the untold millions of Polish-Americans who have enriched every corner of American life, our alliance is forged in centuries of mutual respect.

No American admires Poland's proud and heroic history more keenly than President Donald Trump; from steadfastly resisting an unimaginably horrific Nazi occupation and four decades of stifling communist oppression, to reclaiming freedom through their indomitable courage. President Trump deeply honors Poland's devotion to faith, family, and freedom, and so do I! But Poland is more than just another ally— she's family, a proud, thriving and vigorous democratic partner in a rapidly changing world. Poland stands

not merely at the crossroads of Europe and guardian of NATO's eastern flank; Poland leads Europe's growing resolve to confront aggression.

President Trump believes the mission of every American ambassador is straightforward but simple; to promote the safety, security and prosperity of the American people, first, last, and always!

If confirmed, I will unapologetically advance President Trump's demand for policies that protect, and promote America's interests — from insuring fair, free and reciprocal treatment for our businesses and consumers, to greater NATO burden-sharing, to providing more of our abundant energy resources to help secure Poland's future, to countering any challenges that might threaten those interests.

I will proudly champion the enduring ties of history, family and faith that bind our two great nations, and ensure that President Trump's leadership is clearly understood in Warsaw.

If confirmed, I will approach this assignment with profound respect for Poland's sovereignty and the freely exercised decisions of her democratic people, **but** without any ambiguity about President Trump's priorities. I will be clear-eyed about our challenges and firm in my purpose, because as President Trump's valiant actions have yet again demonstrated; this is how alliances succeed, and how peace is preserved.

I want to close by thanking a towering champion of freedom and an unequaled backer of our great President; my dear friend Dr. Miriam Adelson, without whose support I would not be here today.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you. I welcome your questions, your counsel and your guidance. Thank you.