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Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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Thank you, Chairman Risch, Ranking Member Shaheen, and distinguished Members of the Committee. Mr. Chairman, it is an honor to appear before you today as President Trump's nominee to be the United States Ambassador to the countries of the Eastern Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Thank you also to my friend and fellow Tennessean, Senator Hagerty, for that kind introduction. Your words of encouragement mean more to me than I could ever convey.

I would also like to recognize my family: my husband, Lee Greenwood, and our two sons, Dalton and Parker. My sweet daughter-in-law, Sarah, is watching today's proceedings with our six-month-old grandson. My parents, Jim and Pauline Payne, taught our family that faith, family, and country are more than just words or ideals, they are responsibilities. They also taught that serving your country meant: you show up, you serve faithfully, and you leave people's lives better than when you found them.

It is the honor of my lifetime to be here. I thank President Trump for nominating me to serve the country I love, and I thank Secretary Rubio and the State Department professionals who supported me throughout this process.

Service to our country has been woven throughout my adult life. Lee and I first met on a USO tour in 1989, entertaining our Armed Forces in the North Atlantic. Throughout our 34-year marriage, our family has shared a deep commitment to our country, our military, our veterans, and their families. That service has strengthened my gratitude for America and my sense of responsibility to her. On this day before Veterans Day, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who have served our country. Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

For more than three decades, I was the President and CEO of my own company. I had the privilege of mentoring young women and leading talented teams across

three states, building programs recognized for excellence, educational opportunities, and purpose.

Through all these experiences, my life has been guided by one simple conviction. Relationships change lives.

If confirmed, I will work every day to honor the trust placed in me, build genuine relationships, and make sure the people of the Eastern Caribbean know how deeply America values their friendship. I will work to advance President Trump's vision for the Western Hemisphere through three priorities.

The Trump Administration and I have no higher priority than the safety and security of U.S. citizens. Hundreds of thousands of Americans visit the Eastern Caribbean each year, and thousands more live there. If confirmed, I will take seriously the Trump Administration's commitment to assist U.S. citizens in need. If confirmed, I will work closely with our consular professionals, the embassy team, and the interagency to provide reliable and timely services to any U.S. citizen who needs our support or faces a threat to their safety or security across the multiple jurisdictions in our consular district.

Second, I will strengthen regional security cooperation to degrade transnational criminals and narco-terrorists, disrupt drug trafficking, and end illegal migration. The security of the Eastern Caribbean directly affects the security of the United States. Crime does not respect borders. If confirmed, I am committed to delivering results for the American people and working with Caribbean governments for a safer and more secure Western Hemisphere.

Finally, if confirmed, I am committed to promoting commercial opportunities in energy, infrastructure, and supply chains to help American companies win strategic deals and expand their operations in this important region. These deals create mutually beneficial ties with our Caribbean partners, opportunities for U.S. businesses and economic growth, and provide an alternative to extra-hemispheric competitors whose state-backed projects often bring opaque and predatory lending terms, poor quality, and untrusted digital infrastructure.

Chairman Risch, Ranking Member Shaheen, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. Thank you and I welcome your questions.