

**Statement of Jane D. Hartley**  
**Nominee to be U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain**  
**and Northern Ireland**  
**U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations**  
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Madam Chair, Ranking Member, and Distinguished Members of the Committee, it is a privilege to appear before you. I am honored to be the nominee for U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and I thank President Biden for his confidence in me.

The sense of history with our closest ally is certainly not lost on me. I follow in the footsteps of many great Americans including John Adams, John Quincy Adams, and Martin Van Buren. I am also thrilled to be the second woman in history to be nominated to this role, and salute Anne Armstrong for leading the way.

I would like to thank my family. First my children, who are the light of my life. My most important title will always be “Mom.” And of course, my husband and partner of 39 years, without whose support none of this would be possible. My parents taught me that we were lucky to live in the greatest country on earth, and that the highest honor was to serve your nation. From my early life, public service has always been important to me.

My time as Ambassador to France coincided with a terrible surge in terrorism that shook our two nations, but the extraordinary staff at Embassy Paris performed their duties with grace and strength in the face of terror and loss. It emphasized to me the dedicated American and local staff of our overseas missions - and in our government - advance our interests and protect our security every day. It was another reminder of how critical public service is to our nation.

The UK and the United States are two great countries bound by history, friendship, and especially now, a shared commitment to the universal values of freedom and liberty. During the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, we have seen the strength of the UK response and the many ways in which the British public has volunteered in support of Ukrainians.

If confirmed, it will be my mission to strengthen America’s special relationship with the UK, and I hope to focus on four overarching goals.

**First, protect Americans and deepen bilateral security cooperation.** My top priority will be the safety and security of Americans. As recent events in Europe have made clear, we have no more capable partner in defending against threats to international security than the UK. If confirmed, I will build on these decades of close bilateral security cooperation. I will also work tirelessly to uphold the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, which has been the bedrock of peace, stability, and prosperity in Northern Ireland for nearly 25 years.

**Second, broaden economic ties and expand technology and innovation collaboration.** If confirmed, I will focus on reinvigorating bilateral trade, broadening job opportunities for

American workers, and addressing the climate crisis. Increasing collaboration supports prosperity for both the United States and the UK.

**Third, promote and defend our shared values of democracy and freedom.** If confirmed, I will seek to strengthen bilateral cooperation to rebuild public faith in democracy, combat authoritarianism, and ensure our liberty is never taken for granted.

**Fourth, capitalize on the strong ties between our people to guarantee the strength of our enduring alliance.** To deepen connections between our people, I will encourage exchanges between our two peoples and ensure citizens from across the United Kingdom, particularly young people, are exposed to the full diversity of our country.

None of this is possible without the dedicated and extraordinarily talented teams and their families at Embassy London, and at our Consulates in Hamilton, Edinburgh, and Belfast. I intend to build on their successes, promote American interests, and advance our shared goals together with our ally, the United Kingdom.

It is my honor to be considered to represent the United States as Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. I look forward to partnering with Congress to further U.S. priorities in the UK and would be happy to answer your questions.