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Thank you Chairman Menendez, Ranking Member Corker, and distinguished Members of the Committee, for the opportunity to appear before you today. I would particularly like to thank Senator Durbin for his generous introductory remarks. I am honored to have known Senator Durbin for many years, and I hope that I can live up to the standard that he has set as an exemplary public servant.

I would also like to thank both President Obama and Secretary Kerry for their trust and confidence in my abilities. I am extraordinarily grateful to the President for nominating me to be the next United States Ambassador to Canada, and I am humbled and honored to appear before the Senate today.

If I may, I would like to introduce my wife, Vicki to the committee. We first met at Vanderbilt University, and I would not be here today without her love and support. I am also delighted to be joined by my phenomenal children—David, Liza, and Caroline.

Mr. Chairman, the relationship that the United States shares with Canada is a special one. President Kennedy summed it up perfectly in 1961 when he told the Canadian parliament, “Geography has made us neighbors.

History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners. And necessity has made us allies. Those whom nature hath so joined together, let no man put asunder.”

This statement rings true today. The United States and Canada continue to share a strong economic relationship, a global partnership, and a border that makes us neighbors and interests and values that make us friends. For many Americans and Canadians, there are deeper and more personal ties...and I can look to our own family as an example. Vicki’s great grandparents, with her grandfather and his five siblings, immigrated to Canada through Quebec in 1910 & 1911, settling in Toronto. Four siblings made Toronto their home, while Vicki’s grandfather and his brother continued on to the United States. My family’s relationship to Canada, however, is hardly unique. It represents a single example among the countless links that bind the people of our two countries together. Today, one out of five Canadians was not born in Canada. If confirmed, I plan to embrace this unique mosaic of Canadian history, culture, and people by visiting the diverse communities across the beautiful and expansive country of Canada in each of its ten provinces and three territories.

At the Select USA Investment Summit in October, Secretary Kerry said, “foreign policy today is economic policy.” I agree and, if confirmed,

my top priority will be enhancing our economic partnership. The United States and Canada already enjoy the world's largest and most comprehensive trade relationship, with nearly \$2 billion in goods and services flowing across the border each day. To put this into perspective, U.S. exports to Canada in 2012 exceeded our combined exports to China, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore.

It is obviously a tremendous trade relationship, the greatest in the world, and I would like to see it expand further. If confirmed, I believe my background and experience would prove useful in this effort. I have been fortunate to study commerce and to work in the banking sector for the past 33 years. As a Goldman Sachs Managing Director, I have spent my entire career constructing business partnerships and helping investors see possibilities. If confirmed, I will work to foster trade and investment that creates jobs on both sides of our common border. I will also work to expand our environmental partnerships and cooperation to protect and preserve the natural resources our nations are blessed to enjoy and share.

Our bilateral economic partnership with Canada will continue to expand and flourish as long as both countries have trust in how people, goods, and services flow legitimately, safely, securely, and reliably between our two countries. Our border with Canada stretches 5,525 miles and there

are more than 100 border crossings. By working together, the United States and Canada can keep those crossings open to legitimate trade and travel while protecting our citizens from terrorism, crime, and illicit goods.

If confirmed, I will continue to build on the success of the Beyond the Border and the Regulatory Cooperation Council initiatives announced by President Obama and Prime Minister Harper in 2011. A secure and efficient border is in the interest of both our countries, and I will focus on a security strategy that promotes the legitimate flow of people, goods and services between our two countries and fosters efficiency and North American competitiveness and jobs.

Finally, I would like to emphasize how greatly I value our global partnership with Canada. The United States is fortunate to have a neighbor that shares our strong commitment to democratic values and works tirelessly to promote peace, prosperity, and human rights around the world. Canada is our partner in NORAD and in NATO, and it is with great appreciation that I acknowledge and respect the Canadian troops who have served bravely alongside Americans, especially in Afghanistan. If confirmed, I will be a respectful steward of this partnership with Canada.

More than any other country in the world, our relationship with Canada has the most direct and immediate impact on America's security and

prosperity. I feel honored to be nominated, and, if confirmed, I pledge to serve responsibly and with integrity. I look forward to working with this esteemed committee, your colleagues in Congress, and the executive branch to foster an even stronger relationship between the United States and Canada.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to answering your questions.