

**Statement of Anne M. Harrington
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Senate Armed Services Committee**

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Mr. Chairman, Senator McCain, and Members of the Committee, I am honored to appear before you as the nominee for Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation at the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. I am grateful to President Obama for nominating me for this important position and for the confidence expressed by Secretary Chu and Administrator D'Agostino in his selection.

I am very fortunate to have the support of a wonderful family, most of which could not be here today. My mother, Margaret LaRocque, lives in northern New York, and my daughter, Meredith Lynch, is finishing her dissertation at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. I am delighted that my son, Owen Lynch, a student at Virginia Tech majoring in physics and philosophy, is here. Finally, I would like to thank my friends and colleagues who are here today to support me.

I have devoted the last twenty years of my career to preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, first in the Department of State and for the last five years at the National Academy of Sciences.

Mr. Chairman, I am truly humbled by the opportunity President Obama has given me, and if confirmed, I pledge to work closely with you and this committee to strengthen the Nation's security against nuclear threats at the NNSA. I thank you for your consideration and welcome any questions you may have.
