

Statement of Robert H. McMahon
Nominee to be Assistant Secretary of
Defense for Sustainment
(Short Version)

Thank you Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Reed, and members of the committee for your consideration of my nomination to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment.

I am humbled that President Trump, Secretary Mattis, and Under Secretary Lord have asked me to remain with the Administration in this new role, and I thank them for their confidence in me. In addition, I am blessed to be joined today by my wife Hope, who honorably served this nation for over 34 years as a career Department of Defense civilian.

Today, our nation faces a growing threat to our security highlighted by near-peer adversaries and the very real possibility of fighting our next conflict in a contested environment.

In response to these challenges, the Department has created a well-defined roadmap for what is needed in this new reality. The National Defense Strategy lays out three specific lines of effort:

- Enhancing readiness and lethality;
- Strengthening alliances; and
- Reforming the Department of Defense's business practices.

All three lines of effort are clearly applicable to the portfolio for which I am being considered today, and if confirmed, my focus very simply will be to execute on these three lines of effort.

Thank you and I look forward to your questions.