

Good morning Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Reed, and members of the Committee. I am honored to appear before you today. I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to President Obama for my nomination, as well as to Secretary Carter and Acting Secretary Fanning for their support.

I would not be here if were not for the family, friends and co-workers who have helped me over the years. I especially want to thank my wonderful family, including my husband Andrew Ferguson and my two amazing children. It is unfortunate they could not be here with me today.

I also want to thank those –both civilian and military –that I’ve had the privilege of working with during the four and a half years I have spent serving in the Department of Defense Office of General Counsel. Their commitment to protecting America and improving the lives of the dedicated men and women who serve all of us by putting themselves in harm’s way for our country inspires me every day.

The General Counsel of the Army advises Army leadership on the legal implications of the many challenges facing the Army. I believe my background and experience in the Department, the Congress and the private sector have well prepared me to serve in this role.

I am committed to working closely with the Army Judge Advocate leadership, and strongly believe in the value of having

civilian and military lawyers work together to offer the best possible legal advice to our clients.

If confirmed, I will make every effort to live up to the confidence that has been placed in me.

I am grateful for your consideration, and I look forward to your questions.