Opening Statement of Arthur F. D. Miller
Nominee to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller)
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Chairman Wicker, Ranking Member Reed, and distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today as the nominee to serve as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller.

I thank Lord Jesus Christ for the blessings and opportunity bestowed upon me in this life. I am honored by the trust and confidence of President Donald Trump in nominating me for this position. I would like to thank Secretary Hegseth, Deputy Secretary Feinberg, and Acting Secretary Cao for their confidence as well. I thank Under Secretary of War Jules W. Hurst III for his leadership and service.

I thank my wife, Cassandra, and our children Emma and Arthur for their steadfast support. Cassie, you are an incredible gift from God to myself and to our family, and without your support, I would not be here today. Emma, I am immensely proud of the young woman you have become and love you dearly. Arthur, while you may not be able to understand this for a few more years, know that you motivate me to always be a better version of myself. To my unborn son Christopher, you are a blessing, and we cannot wait to welcome you into the world. To my parents, Chris and Theresa, thank you for raising and supporting me, giving me every opportunity in life to be a good man and achieve my dreams. To my siblings, Frank and Maddy, I am proud of you both and grateful for your lifelong friendship. To my fellow appointees across the government that I have served with, it has been a true pleasure to work with you for the President and the American People; thank you for what you do.

I would like to thank some mentors and friends who helped guide me along the way: Doug Thomas, John Rafferty, Mike Kimball, Jeremy McGuire, Kenton Barber, Chuck Sitero, Josh Grogis, Will McPherson, Holmes Whalen, Dave Giralt, Jordan Gray, Jeremy Pinson, Chris Mitek, Art Wilas, Barron Conley, Mike Lawson, Nick Raineri, Pat Stich, Honorable Tom Cole, and Honorable Markwayne Mullin.

Finally, I would like to thank the Sailors, Marines, and civilian workforce of the Department of the Navy for raising your hands to serve. If confirmed, joining your team will be the highest honor of my life, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve you.

Having spent time working in Congress, I hold a deep, enduring respect for the constitutional oversight responsibilities of this Committee. If confirmed, I will work to maintain an open, transparent, and collaborative partnership with each of you to ensure

our Sailors, Marines, and their families have the resources they need to deter aggression and win our nation's wars. Furthermore, I commit to working positively with your staff, both committee and personal offices, to ensure that you have the information you need to make timely, informed decisions.

If confirmed as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, my efforts will center on achieving a clean financial audit, accelerating financial system modernization, and leveraging advanced data analytics and digital transformation to deliver unparalleled budget visibility. I will ensure the workforce is trained, equipped and empowered to deliver unmatched analytical insight, accelerate informed decisions, and set the standard for the CFO function of tomorrow. We must move beyond historical, manually cumbersome processes and transition the Department of the Navy into a digitally enabled enterprise. By modernizing legacy resource management systems and deploying predictive analytical tools, we can transform raw data into actionable, real-time insights. This digital evolution is not merely an administrative exercise; it is a critical modernization effort that will provide this Committee and Navy leadership with the precise visibility needed to optimize every dollar, eliminate waste, and rapidly align resource allocation with immediate warfighting needs.

Thank you again for the honor of appearing before you today. I look forward to your questions.