

Statement of

The Honorable John Warner

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SENATOR WARNER'S STATEMENT TO THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON THE NOMINATION OF ANTHONY TRENGA TO SERVE AS A U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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Chairman Leahy, Senator Specter, and my other distinguished colleagues on the Senate Judiciary Committee, I thank you for holding this important confirmation hearing.

Senator Webb and I join together in introducing to the Committee an outstanding nominee, Anthony J. Trenga, who has been nominated by our President to serve on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Mr. Trenga is supported here today by his family, including: his wife, Rita; his daughter, Elizabeth; his brother, G. Lawrence Trenga; his sister and her husband, Marilyn and Charles Dahl; and his brother-in-law, Colonel Ken Dahl.

In my view, Mr. Trenga's background makes him highly qualified to sit as a jurist on this illustrious court. I note that the American Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar concur in this assessment, as both have given him their highest rating.

Anthony Trenga has been practicing law before federal courts in Virginia for more than thirty years. He has served as lead counsel in more than fifty cases before the federal court in the eastern district of Virginia on a wide range of subject areas. Since 1998, Mr. Trenga has worked at the law firm of Miller and Chevalier, where he specializes in litigation and trial practice. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has served as a member of the faculty of the National Trial Advocacy College at the University of Virginia, sponsored by the Virginia CLE Committee of the Virginia Bar Foundation.

Mr. Trenga received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and completed his undergraduate studies at Princeton University. Upon graduation, he was a law clerk to the Honorable Ted Dalton, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia from 1974 to 1975.

From 1982 to 1998, Mr. Trenga was a partner at Sachs, Greenbaum & Taylor in Washington, D.C. and a managing partner at Hazel & Thomas based in Fairfax, Virginia.

Equally impressive to his legal career, though, is that despite the rigors of a busy legal practice, Mr. Trenga has always found time to be actively involved in community affairs. In addition to participating in his firm's pro bono program, Mr. Trenga serves as chairman and member of the Alexandria Human Rights Commission, the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Urban League, the Board of Trustees of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, and the Board of Directors for the Bethesda Center of Excellence.

Clearly, Anthony Trenga is a highly qualified nominee and I am thankful for his willingness to serve as a district court judge. I thank the Committee for holding today's hearing, and I look forward to Senate confirmation.