

Statement by Senator Klobuchar

I want to thank all of the witnesses for being here today. I had hoped to join you, but prior obligations in Minnesota and a snow storm in Minneapolis have prevented me from making it back in time. I want to give a special welcome to my friend and fellow Minnesotan – Mee Moua. Mee has been an incredible advocate over the years on many, many issues.

I also want to thank Senator Hirono for chairing this hearing; it is extremely important. Most of the talk about immigration has centered on the plight of the undocumented, border security and economic motivations for changing our laws. But family concerns are just as important, and we must ensure that our policies reflect family reunification as a top priority.

Again, thank you to Senator Hirono and our witnesses, and I will be submitting some questions for the record.