

Statement of Stuart F. Delery
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Madam Chairwoman, Ranking Member Grassley, and members of the Committee, I am deeply honored to appear before you as the nominee to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, and I thank you for your consideration. I would like to thank the President for nominating me, and the Attorney General for his support. I am also blessed to have a wonderful family, and I thank them for the foundation they provide me.

Over the past fifteen months, I have had the great privilege to have served as acting head of the Civil Division, the largest litigating component of the Department of Justice. In that capacity, I have supervised approximately 1,400 lawyers and staff representing the United States, the President and Cabinet officers and agencies, and other federal officials in a wide range of matters. The Civil Division's most important resource is its people, particularly the career professionals who come every day with a single-minded dedication to protecting the interests of the country and its citizens -- whether through defending government programs and the national security, safeguarding taxpayer money from fraud, or protecting the health and safety of all Americans. My grandfather was a career lawyer in the Justice Department, including in the Civil Division, for more than 30 years. I am honored to follow in his footsteps in representing the United States and to be nominated to lead the Civil Division's outstanding team of career professionals.

The Civil Division's docket of tens of thousands of cases every year covers the full range of government activities. Its cases include defense of legal challenges to Congressional statutes, Administration policies, and federal agency actions, and damages actions against the federal government for accidents and other liability claims. They concern federal benefit programs; commercial issues such as contract disputes, banking, insurance, patents, and debt collection; international trade matters; enforcement of immigration laws; and civil and criminal violations of consumer protection laws. The Civil Division recovers billions of dollars for taxpayers through its affirmative litigation, such as its enforcement of federal consumer protection laws and its record-setting efforts under the False Claims Act, including cases targeting health care fraud, financial fraud, and fraud against the military. In this work, the Division uses powerful tools that Congress has provided with the leadership of this Committee. Our vigorous defense of claims against the government also protects the public fisc. Finally, the Division protects the health and safety of Americans by defending cases related to national security and by enforcing protections for the safety of food and medicines.

If I am fortunate enough to be confirmed, I will focus on what I view to be the Civil Division's top three priorities: defending our national security, fighting fraud and recovering money for the taxpayers, and promoting the health and safety of our citizens. I would bring to the job a commitment to advocating zealously in court on behalf of our country and its citizens, to providing candid advice, to hearing all sides of an issue with fairness and respect, and most of

all to working tirelessly with our strong team of career professionals to defend and advance the interests of the United States.

I thank you again for your consideration and look forward to answering any questions you may have.