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**Before the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs**

**United States Senate**

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Mr. Chairman, Senator Sarbanes, esteemed members of the Committee. I am honored to come before you as you consider my nomination to be First Vice President and Vice Chair of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

I am deeply appreciative of President Bush for the faith and trust he has placed in me. His nomination provides me with an exceptional opportunity to serve my country. We are all proud citizens of the finest country in the world. It is a rare gift to have the chance to serve it in such a significant way.

I would like to recognize a family member who is here today. Ellen James, the sister of my late husband, Gifford Foley.

I would also like to recognize my colleagues here who have been enormously supportive of me.

I fully endorse the mission of the Ex-Im Bank and I will strive to successfully fulfill it. If confirmed, I will work diligently to support US exports, create jobs for deserving Americans, and level the playing field with foreign competitors. I will act to protect the fiduciary interests of the American taxpayer. I will actively seek creative enhancements to Ex-Im's products and programs, to better respond to the changing needs of the marketplace. I will work with the organization to identify new approaches tailored specifically to the requirements of small business. I will back Ex-Im's efforts to be a relentless competitor. I will strive to foster a positive working environment of honesty, openness, personal recognition, and respect. I will commit myself to serving this country with integrity, balance, and vigor.

It would be a great honor and privilege to serve under the extraordinary leadership of Chairman Philip Merrill, and with such accomplished colleagues as Director Joe Grandmaison and Senator Max Cleland.

Mr. Chairman, Senator Sarbanes, Members of the Committee, I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of my nomination. I am pleased to respond to your questions.