

**Banking Committee Markup of Nominees  
Written Opening Statement for the Record  
October 5, 2021**

**Mr. Chairman, thank you. I would like to comment on five of the nominees that I will be voting against today in the Banking Committee.**

**I'm reluctantly opposing the Treasury nominees, Brian Nelson and Liz Rosenberg, despite their impressive credentials, because of the Biden administration's flawed policy on Nord Stream 2. The President has reversed longstanding, bipartisan and Congressionally-driven opposition to Nord Stream 2.**

**Let me be clear. My opposition is not based on any shortcomings of these two nominees but the shortcomings of the Biden administration.**

**The administration's policy reversal harms U.S. national security by handing Vladimir Putin a geostrategic victory, entrenching corrupt Russian influence in Europe, and drastically weakening the security of Ukraine, Poland, and other states on the frontline of Kremlin aggression. The administration has also failed to impose sanctions on the company constructing the pipeline as required by CAATSA, a bipartisan law.**

**All of the Republicans on this Committee have told the administration that we'll oppose these two nominees in Committee unless the administration follows the law and imposes these sanctions. The administration has failed to do that. So I will be voting against them.**

**Let me note that, unlike the administration's policy on Nord Stream 2, a delay in confirming these nominees will not harm our national security.**

**First, Ms. Rosenberg is already working at Treasury. So a delay in her confirmation has little to no effect. Second, the dedicated career staff at Treasury who work on national security issues are fully capable of carrying out their important work as they await the confirmation of Mr. Nelson. If Democrats feel differently, well, they control the Senate and the floor schedule. Majority Leader Schumer can bring these nominees to the floor for votes right away after today's markup.**

**I'll also be opposing the three HUD nominees we're considering today: Solomon Greene, Julia Gordon, and David Uejio.**

**As I detailed at their nomination hearing, Mr. Greene and Ms. Gordon have made it clear, through their writings, tweets, and retweets, that they are hostile to the police, subscribe to the theory that the police are racists, and have supported defunding the police.**

**These views are so outside the political mainstream that they disqualify them from holding senior leadership positions at HUD. Mr. Greene and Ms. Gordon have tried to walk back their past statements and are expressing support for the police now.**

**But I think we should focus on what they said before they knew this Committee would be evaluating them. I'm reminded of something the poet Maya Angelou said: "When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time." That's good advice when it comes to nominees.**

**As for Mr. Uejio, his nomination is troubling for two reasons, as I also detailed at his nomination hearing. He lacks the housing experience necessary for the position he's been nominated to fill. And he's taken a series of concerning actions as the Acting Director of the CFPB.**

**For all of these reasons, I will be voting against these nominees in Committee.**