

Statement for the Record of Ranking Member Mike Crapo
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Today we again consider the nominations of Ms. Rollinson to be Chief Counsel of the IRS and Assistant General Counsel in the Department of Treasury; and Ms. Haffajee to serve as Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

While both Ms. Rollinson and Ms. Haffajee have strong resumes and are accomplished in their respective fields, I intend to vote the same way as I did last year.

The IRS and the Department of Treasury each continue to present several challenges, which were explored at Ms. Rollinson's hearing and markup.

My concerns with the IRS and Treasury remain, including: An increasingly partisan framing of IRS enforcement efforts and the tax gap; the IRS's ongoing development of the expensive and redundant Direct File program; the continued failure of the IRS to properly address long-known security issues; and Treasury's promotion of the OECD Pillar 2 negotiations absent its consideration of meaningful congressional input, to the harm of American businesses and workers.

Given the many unresolved issues at the IRS and Treasury, I will not be supporting Ms. Rollinson's nomination today. That said, I look forward to working with her to fix the problems my colleagues and I have discussed throughout this process, should she be confirmed.

With regard to Ms. Haffajee's nomination, I previously raised concerns over her evasive answers to questions posed to her on religious liberty, abortion and public health emergencies.

I am still troubled that Ms. Haffajee will support the HHS Secretary's efforts to undermine state laws and individuals' constitutional rights. I am not going to support her nomination today, but, again, if confirmed, I will work with Ms. Haffajee to address these concerns.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.