

Opening Statement of Judge Maurice Foley
Nominee for Judge, US Tax Court
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First and foremost, I thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for blessing me with the opportunity to serve a second term on the U.S. Tax Court. I am truly honored to be nominated by President Obama and I thank you Chairman Baucus, Ranking Member Hatch, members of this Committee, and the Committee staff for scheduling and processing my nomination. In the summer of 1988 I was privileged to begin working with this committee as a member of Senator Bentsen's tax staff. While Senator Bentsen campaigned as the Vice Presidential candidate on the Dukakis ticket, you, Chairman Baucus, managed the Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988 (TAMRA), and our staff enjoyed assisting you in that endeavor. You were very supportive of my nomination in 1994 and your support has continued to this day. For that I thank you.

I am accompanied by my most cherished blessing: my extraordinary family. Sandy and I have been married for 26 years and she has encouraged, prayed for, and loved me for 33 years. In addition to being a wonderful wife she is an exemplary mother who dutifully endured my travel schedule and, in my absence, somehow managed to raise three special children. At my 1995 hearing Sandy sat with our 4 year-old son, 2 year-old daughter, and 7 month-old baby. After introducing them, I fondly remember Chairman Packwood noting to Senator Moynihan that "those toddlers are now supposed to have Social Security numbers" and Senator Moynihan cheerfully reporting "And they all do!" Today I am delighted to report that, in addition to being students, they all have jobs and are now contributors to the Social Security Trust Fund. My eldest child, Malcolm, is currently in London studying Shakespeare and honing his acting skills at the Globe Theatre. He is a religion and finance major at a wonderful university, recipient of a four year academic scholarship, and will attend seminary or divinity school next year. My daughter, Corinne, is a hardworking biology major at a prestigious college, a recipient of a four year academic scholarship, and a future doctor. My son, Nate, is a high school senior, prospective college student, accomplished electric guitarist, and 2008 and 2010 champion of the Apollo Theater's Amateur Night competitions. My parents, Samuel and Cora Foley reside in California. Last month they celebrated 60 years of marriage and next month will celebrate their 80th birthdays. Suffice it to say, their hard work, love, wisdom, and prayers throughout the years laid the foundation for the myriad of opportunities our family has been blessed with.

During the course of my career, I have had the privilege of drafting regulations for the Internal Revenue Service, assisting this committee and the Treasury Department in the tax legislative process, and sitting on the U.S. Tax Court.

Mr. Chairman, I love government service. It is an honor and a privilege. If confirmed by the Senate, I will certainly work to the best of my ability to discharge my duties. Thank you.