

Opening Statement of Senator Mike Crapo

Committee on Finance

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“Thank you Mr. Chairman.

“Today, we are voting on a nominee who—if confirmed—will play a critical role in opening opportunities for our farmers. Our farmers need these opportunities more than ever in the face of record inflation.

“I intend to support him.

“Although I am disappointed that that the Administration has not prioritized agricultural market access—including by taking too long to try to fill this position—I appreciate that the nominee recognizes the importance of opening foreign markets to our farmers. Moreover, the nominee has extensive experience in agricultural issues.

“Thank you for holding this executive session today, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back to you.”