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Wyden Statement at Finance Committee Hearing on Nominations of Marisa Lago and Lisa Wang to the Department of Commerce

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The Finance Committee meets this morning to discuss two important nominations for President Biden’s trade policy team at the Commerce Department.

First, Marisa Lago is nominated to serve as Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade. This role is all about being the point person for trade policy at the Commerce Department, heading up the International Trade Administration. It deals with enforcing our trade laws to protect American jobs, breaking down barriers to American-made exports, and getting small- and medium-sized businesses into the trade policy winners circle. It’s a wide-ranging job, but that’s why President Biden nominated somebody with a vast array of experience in a lot of different leadership roles in public service.

Ms. Lago served during the Obama administration as Assistant Secretary for International Markets and Development at the Treasury Department. She previously led the Office of International Affairs for the Securities and Exchange Commission. She was a top economic development official for New York State and the city of Boston.

Most recently, she served as the Director of the NYC Department of City Planning and Chair of the City Planning Commission. I’m confident in her experience, and I’m confident in her ability to lead a large team working on big economic challenges.

Next, Lisa Wang is nominated to serve as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Enforcement & Compliance. This role is all about using some of our strongest tools for protecting American jobs and businesses against trade ripoffs. That includes investigating and addressing dumping by foreign companies and unfair government subsidies. The Enforcement & Compliance office also works closely with USTR on key trade enforcement issues.

Ms. Wang previously served as a Senior Attorney in the Office of the Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance at the Commerce Department. She also served as Assistant General Counsel in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and has experience in private practice. The bottom line is: she is a specialist in these areas of trade law dealing with enforcement and compliance, and she's exactly the right person for this job.

This committee takes a special interest in what I call getting trade done right. It's about fighting for American jobs, businesses, farmers and ranchers by strongly enforcing trade laws and creating new opportunities to sell American-made goods and services around the world. President Biden is assembling a top-notch team for getting trade done right. Ms. Lago and Ms. Wang will be excellent additions to that team. I want to congratulate them on their nominations, and I'm looking forward to our discussion.

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