

## **Wyden Statement at Markup Commerce Nominees**

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**Washington, D.C.** – Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden, D-Ore., delivered the following remarks at a markup of the nominations of Maria Louise Lago to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade and Lisa W. Wang to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Enforcement and Compliance.

*The text of Chairman Wyden’s remarks, as prepared, is below.*

**“The Finance Committee meets this morning to vote on two key trade policy nominations at the Commerce Department.**

**First, Marisa Lago is nominated to serve as Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade. Once she’s confirmed, Ms. Lago will head up the International Trade Administration. It’s a role that comes with big responsibilities and challenges: enforcing our trade laws to protect and create American jobs, breaking down barriers to American-made exports, and leveling the playing field for small- and medium-sized businesses.**

**Ms. Lago is highly experienced in a variety of public service roles. During the Obama administration she served as Assistant Treasury Secretary for International Markets and Development. She led the Office of International Affairs at the Securities and Exchange Commission. She was a top economic development official for New York State and the city of Boston. That range of experience makes Ms. Lago a strong pick to lead the ITA.**

**Next up, Lisa Wang is nominated to serve as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Enforcement and Compliance. Anybody who’s listened to this committee talk about trade policy knows that we take a special interest in vigorous trade enforcement, and that’s what this job is all about — cracking down on trade cheats and holding other countries to their commitments in order to protect American jobs and give American workers and businesses more opportunities to get ahead.**

**Ms. Wang is highly experienced in these enforcement issues, having previously served as a Senior Attorney in the Trade Enforcement and Compliance office 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. Strong trade enforcement is her area of legal expertise.**

**These are roles with a clear focus on creating good jobs and opportunities for American workers by getting trade done right. I’m confident that Ms. Lago and Ms. Wang will both have a lot of success. Both nominees will have my support today, and I urge the full committee to support them as well.**

**I’ll turn it over to Senator Crapo for his opening remarks and then any other members who wish to speak.”**

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