

**Opening Statement of Justin G. Muzinich**  
**Nominee to Serve as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury**  
**Senate Finance Committee**  
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Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden, and distinguished committee members, I am honored to appear before you today as the nominee to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. I am grateful to Secretary Mnuchin for his confidence and support in recommending me for this position.

I would like to take a moment to introduce my wife, Eloise, who on top of being a talented physician is a wonderful mother to our two children. I would also like to acknowledge my parents, my sister Lauren, and my brother Adrian. Their love and support has made all the difference in my life.

My own family fled communism for the liberty of this country, and my wife's family has a proud history of military service, including a grandfather who served as a General in the Air Force. So I sit before you today with a profound appreciation for the freedoms this country stands for and the sacrifice that has gone into protecting them.

It has been a privilege to meet with many of you and your staffs over the past several months as a nominee, and over the past year-and-a-half in my role as Counselor to the Secretary. I pledge that, if confirmed, I will be committed to dialogue and engagement with you, and look forward to accomplishing more together.

The Treasury Department is tasked with oversight of some of the most critical issues facing our country and the world. From safeguarding our financial system and implementing sanctions, to driving economic growth and opportunity, administering the tax system, printing the nation's currency, and managing the balance sheet of the U.S. Government - the role of the Department is vast.

None of this work would be possible without Treasury's tremendously dedicated career staff. During my time at the Department, I have developed a deep respect for their expertise and commitment to moving the country forward – putting in long hours, making sacrifices, and seeking no recognition. They are the pillars of the building, and it is a privilege to serve side-by-side with them.

If confirmed, I will assist Secretary Mnuchin in carrying out the Department's mission by bringing to bear my perspectives from working in finance and teaching, as well as the first-hand knowledge I have gained over the past year-and-a-half serving as Counselor to the Secretary.

My experience at Treasury has affirmed my long-held belief in the importance of public service – of actively participating in our great democratic debate and giving back to the country. If confirmed, I will strive to live up to all that Treasury and this great country stand for.

I look forward to your questions.