Opening Statement of Robert Stebbins
Nominee to Serve As General Counsel for the U.S. Department of the Treasury
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance

Chairman Crapo, Ranking Member Wyden, and Members of the Committee, it is an honor to appear before you today as the President's nominee for General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury. I also want to thank Secretary Bessent for his confidence in recommending me for this position.

I am pleased to be joined today by my amazing wife, Ann Beth, who blesses me with her love and support each and every day. I would not be here without her.

I grew up in Michigan, where my father was a local attorney and my mother worked for the State of Michigan as a social worker. Unfortunately, they are not here today as each passed away far too young. I have two other public servants in my immediate family. After working for the Peace Corps and the International Medical Corps, my sister Diane worked for over 25 years for the Department of War as a school nurse at various overseas military bases. In her spare time, she adopted four children and raised them as a single mother. My sister Cathy lives in Seattle, Washington, and is an employee of King County. If confirmed, it would be an honor for me to continue my family's history of public service by serving as General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury.

I have twice previously had the privilege of working in a federal agency and leading a legal office; I was the General Counsel of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and General Counsel of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation. It was an honor to work with the talented career employees at each of these agencies.

If confirmed, it would also be an honor to lead the Treasury Legal Division, which is comprised of some of the finest lawyers in the country. The Treasury Department is engaged every day in work that is vital to our nation, and the Treasury Legal Division regularly faces legal issues that are among the most critical in the U.S. government. If confirmed, I commit to performing my responsibilities with integrity and dedication to upholding the rule of law.

Given my prior federal service, I understand the importance of a close working relationship with the Congress, and if confirmed, I look forward to working with you and your staffs.

Thank you again for the opportunity to appear before you today. I look forward to your questions.