

**Nomination of Nanci E. Langley
Commissioner, United States Postal Regulatory Commission
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Introduction by Senator Daniel K. Akaka**

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Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, Aloha and good afternoon. I am delighted to be at this hearing considering the nomination of Nanci Langley to be a Commissioner on the Postal Regulatory Commission.

It is my distinct pleasure to introduce Nanci Langley, whom I have had the pleasure of knowing for the last 18 years. Although I say introduce, Nanci is by no means a stranger to this Committee. She served in my personal office for 10 years handling an array of issues, and until recently, served on this Committee as the Deputy Staff Director of what is now the Oversight of Government Management Subcommittee.

It was in that capacity that Nanci was my senior advisor on government management, federal workers, and importantly the Postal Service. She was instrumental in working for years to ensure that my concerns – financial transparency and workers’ rights – were addressed in what became the recently enacted postal reform legislation.

As the former chair of the Postal Subcommittee, I can think of no one who is more qualified to be nominated to this position and serve as a Commissioner than Nanci Langley. She is well known and respected by the entire mailing community, having worked closely with the Postal Service, mailers, and employees for many years.

Being from my home state of Hawaii, thousands of miles away from the mainland, let alone Washington, DC, she has a unique appreciation for just how important a role the mail system plays in everyday life. Her family was well aware of this. For 40 years, her parents owned a chain of clothing stores, which relied on the Postal Service to receive timely deliveries of merchandise.

Nanci came to work for me when I came to the Senate after the passing of my predecessor, and colleague, Senator Spark Matsunaga. When I asked her to join my staff, little did she realize that today she would be known amongst the postal community as one of the foremost experts in the city on postal affairs.

Not only does Nanci understand the needs of the Postal Service, more importantly, she knows well and cares about the tens of thousands of employees that work at the postal service every day. It is this appreciation, which I share, that guides in balancing the needs of consumers, the Postal Service, and its employees.

The Postal Service and the Postal Regulatory Commission in particular have recently undergone tremendous changes. These changes have created challenges and also opportunities. Consumers are now assured more regular, predictable rate increases, as well as increased

transparency in postal finances, due in large part to Nanci's hard work in crafting the postal reform legislation.

As a testament to her expertise, after passing the postal reform legislation which expanded the role of the Postal Regulatory Commission, she was tapped by PRC, headed by another former staffer of this Committee, Chairman Dan Blair, to run the Public and Governmental Affairs team. Since assuming that role, I can tell you that she has been as tenacious and outstanding as ever in balancing the needs of the postal community. While I was saddened by her departure from my office, I knew it was a tremendous opportunity, and now we see it has led to an even bigger role at the PRC.

I will not belabor her qualifications for this position, which I think few would question. However, I do want to pass on my full faith in her abilities. And to you Nanci, I want to extend, as I have for years, my deepest Aloha, and Mahalo for your years of dedicated service to not only me, but the people of Hawaii, the federal workforce, and the mailing community.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.