

**Chairman Peters Opening Statement
Business Meeting: March 29, 2023**

Before we move to our agenda, I just want to take a few moments to address what is absolutely a terrible event that occurred over the weekend.

One of our Committee's staff members was violently attacked and seriously injured. And I'm certainly horrified – and I'm sure everyone on this Committee is horrified – by this senseless crime and hope the perpetrator is swiftly brought to justice.

I am glad to hear that Phillip is recovering, he and his family are in my thoughts, in my prayers, today, and in the days ahead. And my staff and I wish him the best as he focuses on his recovery.

And I just wanted to take a few moments to acknowledge Phillip, and Ranking Member Paul, and your entire staff. I know this has been a tough few days for you.

And I know that our thoughts will continue to be with you.