

**Chairman Peters Opening Statement as Prepared for Delivery**  
**Full Committee Hearing: DC Judges**  
**July 25, 2024**

The Committee will come to order.

Today, we are considering four nominations: Ann Fisher and Ashley Poling to serve as Commissioners on the Postal Regulatory Commission for additional terms, and Carmen Iguina González and Joseph Palmore to be Associate Judges on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Welcome to each of our nominees and to those joining them for today's hearing. Congratulations on your nominations and thank you for your willingness to serve in these important positions.

The Postal Regulatory Commission – or “P-R-C” – is a bipartisan body that provides independent oversight of the Postal Service. The Postal Service plays an essential role connecting communities across the nation. And the PRC plays an essential role in ensuring that the Postal Service is effectively carrying out its public service mandate.

Commissioners Fisher and Poling – I am glad to see you both back before this committee. We are grateful for your work on the Commission over the past five years. I'll add that that we are also glad to welcome you both back as former Committee staff.

Turning to our judicial nominees – welcome Ms. Iguina González and Mr. Palmore. The District of Columbia Court of Appeals serves as the highest state-level appellate court here in the nation's capital. Currently two of the court's eight Associate Judge seats are vacant – slowing cases and delaying resolutions for the parties before the court.

Welcome again to all four of you. Today's hearing is an important opportunity for the committee to learn more about your qualifications and how you plan to serve in these important roles.