

**Statement of Jeff Rezmovic**

**Nominee for Chief Financial Officer  
Department of Homeland Security**

**Before the  
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Chairman Peters, Ranking Member Paul, and Distinguished Members of the Committee.

It is an honor to appear before you today as the President's nominee to serve as the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS or the Department) Chief Financial Officer. I am grateful to the President for nominating me, and to Secretary Mayorkas and Acting Deputy Secretary Canegallo for their leadership and support. Thank you, Senator Carper, for your kind introduction, which means more to me than you know. I am also grateful to all of you for your consideration of my nomination.

I would not be here today without the love, support, and inspiration of my wife, Melanie, who is sitting behind me. She is my best friend, my partner, and my home. She is also a career public servant at the U.S. Agency for International Development, and she carries an incredibly heavy load for our family, despite having a demanding and meaningful job herself.

My parents, Victor and Evi Rezmovic, are also here with me today. They are both immigrants and naturalized citizens. They are both the children of Holocaust survivors, and they are both former public servants. And my work ethic, my integrity, my resolve, and my commitment to public service are a direct result of having won the parent lottery.

My two sons, Ben and Cory, are too young to understand what today's hearing is about, but I hope that they watch it one day when they are older. I hope that it can help them to see that public service is hard work, but it is work that matters a great deal. It is work that is worth doing despite its challenges. And, I hope they see that there is joy and pride in committing your life's work to something greater than yourself.

Public service is all I have done and all I have ever aspired to do. It is why I came to Capitol Hill right out of college. It is why I served as a Law Clerk on this Committee's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations while I was in law school. It is why I have spent the last 13 years at DHS.

Over those years of service, I have not only learned about the essential work of the Department of Homeland Security, but I have learned what makes it great—and that is the career civil servants who fulfill the Department's critical missions.

I know firsthand how important the DHS Office of the Chief Financial Officer is in enabling the Department's mission because I have worked alongside its personnel for years. Among other things, they develop and execute budgets to deliver on the Department's missions; they modernize our financial systems to ensure that we are expending taxpayer resources appropriately and responsibly; they engage with the Government Accountability Office, the Office of Inspector General, and Congress as partners to strengthen the Department; they oversee financial assistance programs to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse; and they measure the effectiveness of our work to ensure that DHS is always improving and always delivering.

In my previous role as the Department's Deputy Chief of Staff and in my current role as the Department's Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Management, I have had the privilege of working closely with this dedicated team of public servants. It would be the greatest honor of my professional life to lead them, and to support and empower the work that they do each day to help execute the DHS mission for the American people.

During my tenure at DHS, I have served under Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries of both political parties. I have served at the Department's Headquarters and in two of its operational Components. I have worked alongside career officials and political appointees. What I have found, universally, is that there is no group of people better suited to protect this nation from the threats of today, and to prepare for the threats of tomorrow, than the personnel of the Department of Homeland Security.

Thank you again for considering my nomination, and I look forward to your questions.