Thank you, Madam Chairman.

And thank you, Mr. Deputy Secretary, for being with us today.

Of course, this is just such an important hearing.

And, you know I join with my colleagues and all the concerns,

and I am very much looking forward to your input so that we can

understand these issues better.

My main concern is for our servicemen and women right now and

their safety, especially at a time when we are stretched so thin in

our military actions. I hope that I will be able to go back to my

constituents and explain that this is a finite action and that we

have a secure strong military strategy.

And with that, I yield back the rest of my time.