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Opening Statement as Prepared

Good morning. Today we welcome our colleagues on both sides of the aisle to give testimony before the Subcommittee on the agencies under our jurisdiction. I would like to thank our Full Committee Chairman, Mr. Frelinghuysen, for his leadership in encouraging all twelve of the Subcommittees to hold Member Day hearings. Despite the general perception that Congress does not work together, we are here today to listen to a bipartisan group of Members from all parts of the Country and a wide spectrum of constituencies.

We look forward to hearing your views on the appropriations process and learning more about the programs, projects, and regulations that affect your district and your constituents. Your input will be critical as we work to fund the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Farm Credit Administration in a fiscally responsible manner.

I would like to remind everyone that we have a lot of Members who will be testifying today, so we will be strictly adhering to the five minute rule. I want to thank every Member who has taken time out of his or her busy schedule to speak to us today, and we also value the input of those who submitted written testimony for the record. We appreciate your interest in the work of this Subcommittee.

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