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Thank you, Chairman Simpson, Ranking Member Pingree, and members of the committee. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to discuss the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Budget Request for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

At the EPA under President Trump, we strongly believe that we can both protect the environment AND grow the economy. No longer is this a binary choice where we can only select one or the other.

This past January, at the one-year mark of President Trump's term in office, I announced 500 top environmental wins during that first year. These actions advance our core mission of protecting human health and the environment. Included in this list is the signing of our historic agreement with the Mexican government to end the decades-long Tijuana River sewage crisis. Highlights also include completing five-year reviews for 26 Superfund sites across New England and announcing \$3 billion in new funding for states to reduce lead exposure in drinking water.

Additionally, less than 60 days into this Administration, we launched the largest deregulatory agenda in U.S. history - 31 actions that apply common sense, unleash U.S. energy dominance, and strengthen the American economy.

President Trump promised a government that actually works for the people. This Administration has followed through on that pledge.

In my first year as Administrator, I fulfilled a commitment I made during my confirmation to visit all 50 states, and I completed that effort in just 9.5 months. It was exciting to often witness in my travels groundbreaking after groundbreaking. Because of President Trump's leadership, we've seen record breaking investments pour into our country!

The Trump EPA is cutting costs for American families by ending the "Green New Scam" and rescinding the 2009 Endangerment Finding, freeing the auto industry from Obama- and Biden-era rules that pushed costly electric vehicles. Without apology, the agency is ending years of regulatory whiplash, dismantling the unlawful crown jewel of climate activists and putting affordability ahead of alarmism.

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This is the single largest deregulatory action in American history and lessens the federal government's harmful grip over our economy, saving over \$1 trillion dollars, and bringing down the cost of new vehicles.

A stark contrast with our predecessors, the Trump Administration is committed to building reliable baseload power, including coal, which is why we rescinded the Biden EPA's amendment to the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. Having reliable baseload power is vital to energy affordability and our national security.

Americans will see the expected \$670 million in regulatory compliance costs savings in the form of lower costs of transportation, heating, utilities, farming, and manufacturing, and more reliable energy.

EPA has also been hard at work to create a durable and clear definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS), faithfully abiding by the Supreme Court's decision in Sackett. EPA has the responsibility to ensure federally jurisdictional water resources are protected while setting clear and practical rules of the road that accelerate economic growth and advance cooperative federalism.

Once finalized, this new definition will cut red tape and provide predictability, consistency, and clarity for permitting under the Clean Water Act.

Additionally, EPA political and career leadership worked to reorganize the agency workforce to best support EPA's mission, fulfill our statutory obligations, protect human health and the environment, and Power the Great American Comeback. The establishment of the new Office of Applied Science and Environmental Solutions allows the Trump EPA to bolster gold standard science across the agency.

We are also working through the chemical backlog we inherited from the Biden administration. Our team has made significant progress getting newer, safer chemicals reviewed and old chemicals off the market.

Over the last year, we've approved many of the state implementation plans the Biden administration disapproved.

We know the best solutions come from Americans across the country, who know their communities best. EPA is committed to working with our regional and state partners to protect National Ambient Air Quality Standards and move away from the so-called, "Good Neighbor Plans."

EPA also plays a pivotal role in Making America Healthy Again, while we do everything in our power to ensure America's farmers have access to the resources and affordable equipment necessary to feed, clothe, and fuel the world.

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The Trump EPA is building a foundation for future generations to thrive as the healthiest in our nation's history. That is why I recently announced alongside HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., that EPA is adding microplastics and pharmaceuticals to our Contaminant Candidate List for the first time ever.

The President's Fiscal Year 27 budget proposal captures significant efficiencies and a returned focus on what Congress has directed us to do, demonstrating our commitment to a leaner, more efficient, and accountable EPA focused on environmental work that directly benefits the American people.

I look forward to answering your questions. Thank you.