



# Chairman John Carter

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*Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
House Committee on Appropriations*

## **Opening Statement as Prepared**

*Members' Day Hearing*

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Today's hearing is called to order –

I'd like to welcome everyone to the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Appropriations first hearing of the year.

It has been a long time since this Subcommittee hosted a Members' Hearing Day. Our new full committee chairman, Mr. Frelinghuysen, has stressed to us the importance of providing a forum where Members can share their ideas and express their concerns about spending in appropriations bills. I agree completely.

Therefore, I look forward to personally and officially receiving your thoughts on the appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security, and how they impact your district and the nation. It is my plan to take your ideas and expertise to build a collective knowledge base that ensures the security of the American people in a fiscally responsible manner.

With that, I would like to recognize Mrs. Roybal-Allard, our distinguished Ranking Member, for any remarks she'd like to make.

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