

**Statement of Ranking Member Brendan F. Boyle
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Thank you Chairman Steil, Ranking Member Morelle, and Members of this Committee for providing the opportunity to testify on the Budget Committee’s funding for the 118th Congress.

Let me first thank Chairman Arrington for his leadership in developing our Committee budget and thank his staff for working closely with my staff on this effort. While we may not agree on the overall budget policy, I am pleased to join Chairman Arrington today in support of his funding request for the Committee. I had the pleasure of serving with him on the Ways and Means Committee and I am honored to serve with him on the Budget Committee.

While this is my first time serving as the Ranking Member on the Committee, I am not new to the Committee. I know from experience that there is a strong tradition of collegiality and bipartisan cooperation in the operations of this Committee.

In keeping with that tradition, the majority will make one-third of the funding and resources available to the minority for personnel. As in the past, the majority budget will continue to cover equipment for both staffs, ensuring the same quality and access for both majority and minority.

Although I wish the Committee had more funds to execute the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee under the rules of the House, I agree with the Chairman that the funds will be sufficient and fair toward the minority staff.

While the Committee’s budget will remain flat this year, I have been fortunate enough to retain most of the minority staff. We have a veteran crew on the Democratic side. It is a great and experienced team and it is my pleasure to be working with them. It is, however, important that they continue to receive fair compensation commensurate with their credentials, experience, and loyalty to the Committee.

Before I close, I want to reiterate what an honor and privilege it is to serve as Ranking Member on the Budget Committee and I am hopeful that, despite our policy differences, Chairman Arrington and I will be able to find common ground on more than just our Committee budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I look forward to answering any questions you may have.