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Thank you Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Zeldin, and distinguished members of the subcommittee for inviting me to discuss the FY 2020 State Department budget request. As Secretary Pompeo noted when he testified before the Committee at the end of March, our FY 2020 budget request is “designed around the National Security Strategy to achieve our foreign policy goals. The request for \$40 billion for State Department and USAID puts us in position to do just that. These monies will protect our citizens at home and abroad,

advance American prosperity and values, and support our allies and partners overseas. We make this request mindful of the burden on American taxpayers and take seriously our obligation to deliver exceptional results on their behalf.”

As the Director of the State Department Bureau of Budget and Planning, I will focus my remarks on the \$13.0 billion ‘Diplomatic Engagement’ appropriations request, which comprises our people; diplomatic and embassy security programs; public diplomacy initiatives;

treaty-based contributions to United Nations and other organizations; and our global management platform. The Diplomatic Engagement budget is 33 percent of our total FY 2020 request, and proposes an increase of \$339 million (+2.7%) above the President's FY 2019 request.

We are submitting the Department of State and USAID Fiscal Year 2020 Fact Sheet for the record, which includes many of the specific numbers related to our request, but I will highlight a few major priorities.

The three major pillars of appropriated funding for Diplomatic Engagement in the FY 2020 request include \$5.5 billion for diplomatic staffing, operations and programs, \$5.4 billion to protect U.S. government personnel worldwide, and \$2.1 billion to preserve U.S. participation in multilateral fora. For the purposes of today's hearing on the budget request for FY 2020 State Department operations I will focus on the first two pillars, along with associated fee revenue.

The funding for diplomatic staffing, operations and programs sustains the Department's global workforce of 24,700 Foreign Service and Civil Service personnel, with continued investments in training and human capital development. As HR will attest, our global workforce also encompasses some 50,000 locally employed staff and eligible family members who are instrumental to the effectiveness of our missions overseas.

The request reflects the importance of influencing foreign opinion and countering

misinformation about the United States, highlighting our newly consolidated Bureau of Global Public Affairs, as well as the Global Engagement Center, for which we have requested a \$20 million increase. The funds requested for FY 2020 in this area will also be used to prepare for opening multiple new embassy and consulate compounds that meet our security needs. Consistent with the President's Management Agenda (PMA), our Information Technology request sustains modernization through Cloud migration,

consolidated licensing, and customer engagement.

The second \$5.4 billion pillar of this request protects USG personnel worldwide, primarily through Diplomatic Security personnel and programs, as well as OBO's provision of secure, safe and functional facilities. Highlights within this portion include a +\$60 million increase (+38%) in cybersecurity measures to protect our networks, data, and IT infrastructure, and an +\$8 million increase to update our overseas

posts' stockpiles of medical counter-measures to WMD threats.

In addition to direct appropriations, the Department anticipates spending nearly \$3.8 billion in consular revenues to enhance border security through issuing secure visas and passports, as well as providing citizen services to Americans overseas. This is relative to \$3.9 billion in anticipated new revenue.

While this is just a brief summary of our overall request, I want to assure you that we are

committed to being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. With continued Congressional support, we can have a positive impact in promoting our foreign policy priorities at home and abroad. I look forward to answering your questions.