

**Statement for the Record of Stephen E. Boyd  
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Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Members of this Committee:

Thank you for holding this hearing, and thank you for the opportunity to testify. I certainly appreciate the trust that the President and the Attorney General have placed in me to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legislative Affairs.

I am joined here today by my talented wife, Brecke. Among the many things we have in common, Brecke and I both worked on Capitol Hill. So, being here this morning with her is special because this is where we met.

Another thing we have in common is that we both come from families that value service to our great country.

One of my grandfathers marched through France toward Berlin. The other fought with the Navy in famous battles called Midway, Guadalcanal, and Santa Cruz.

My father served in the Air Force after ROTC. He then offered another 20 years of service to the National Guard while he also ran a successful law practice and helped raise a family.

Brecke's dad was a fighter pilot who retired from the Air Force as a Brigadier General. But, long before that, he was a POW held in the "Zoo" and the "Hanoi Hilton." He survived that mistreatment to go on to hold commands throughout the Air Force, taking his wife and three daughters to Nevada, South Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, and Japan.

I think it is important to acknowledge these sacrifices. It is service like theirs that has inspired generations of Americans and has certainly led me to a career focused on service to our country.

I feel like when you are called to serve, the answer should be "yes." That is why I have been pleased to work on Capitol Hill for the past 13 years, and that is why I am here today.

I've had the opportunity to work in senior staff positions in both the Senate and the House—both for this committee and in personal offices. If confirmed, I am hopeful that the experience and perspective I have gained will mutually benefit the Department, the members of this Committee, and Congress.

Having led oversight initiatives myself, I respect the important oversight role of Congress. If confirmed, it will be my priority to be responsive to the oversight needs of this committee in a manner consistent with the Department's law enforcement, litigation, and national security responsibilities. My natural inclination will be toward transparency. But, in those cases where we must carefully balance the committee's requests with the Department's responsibilities, I pledge to be an honest broker and a straight shooter, working with all members of this committee in good faith.

Mr. Chairman, let me say thank you again for allowing me to testify. I look forward to your questions, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with you and the Ranking Member moving forward.