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Statement of Gineen Bresso Beach

Madam Chair, Ranking Member Bennett, and Members of the Committee, thank you for inviting me to appear before you today.

It is an honor to be nominated by President Bush to serve on the Election Assistance Commission.

I would like to thank my husband Andrew Beach, as well as my mother Linda Bresso, my Aunt Deidre Laratro and my cousin Marnie Laratro all of whom are here today to support me.

I would also like to thank Ranking Member Vern Ehlers of the Committee on House Administration, with whom I have had the distinct privilege of working as counsel on a wide range of federal election issues. I appreciate Congressman Ehlers' confidence and support of my nomination to this important position.

Over the past five years, my work experience has been focused around the study of elections. Presently, I serve as Elections Counsel on the Committee on House Administration. Like the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the Committee on House Administration has oversight of the EAC. Through my work on the Committee, I have become familiar with EAC functions and operations. I have also had the opportunity to work directly on legislation and policies affecting federal election administration, and have learned to appreciate the important role that the EAC plays as a bi-partisan Commission.

Prior to my work at the Committee on House Administration, I served as a policy advisor to Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. of Maryland, where my primary responsibility was advising the Governor on his oversight of the Maryland State Board of Elections. In this capacity, I gained extensive experience in election law and administration from the perspective of state and local election officials.

If confirmed, I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners on fulfilling our responsibilities under the Help America Vote Act.

Again, I thank you Madam Chair and Ranking Member Bennett for the opportunity to appear before you. I look forward to your questions.

Gineen Bresso Beach

Biography

Gineen Beach serves as Elections Counsel for Ranking Member Vernon J. Ehlers on the Committee on House Administration. The Committee has jurisdiction over federal election law matters, and is responsible for overseeing and managing the internal operations of the U.S. House of Representatives. Prior to serving in her current position, Ms. Beach served as a policy advisor to Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. where her primary area of focus was on election law issues.

Ms. Beach has served as an Attorney-Advisor for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, where she reviewed and prosecuted applications for federal trademark registration. She also served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Arrie W. Davis, in the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.

Ms. Beach received her Juris Doctor from Western New England College School of Law (1999) where she was a member of the Law Review. In 1995, she received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.