

Statement of Brian D. Miller
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Chairman Collins, Senator Lieberman, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. It is an extraordinary honor and privilege to be the President's nominee to serve as the Inspector General of the General Services Administration. I would also like to thank Senators Warner and Allen from my home state of Virginia for their kind introductions. I really appreciate their support throughout this nomination process.

If you will permit me, I would like to take a moment to introduce the members of my family. My wife, Mary Frances, and our children, Andrew and Rosemary, are here with me today.

Almost my entire professional life has been dedicated to public service. I have served in a number of senior positions in the United States Department of Justice and elsewhere. For the last three years, I have served as the Counsel to the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, who is Paul J. McNulty. As part of the leadership team, I participated in the senior management and major prosecutorial decisions of the office and in the establishment of office initiatives and priorities, such as the recent procurement fraud initiative.

For over a decade, I have served as an Assistant United States Attorney handling many cases, large and small. It was my privilege to have been involved in some of the most important criminal cases of our time, such as *United States v. Moussaoui* and other terrorism cases. Recently, I also assisted in *United States v. Hurwitz*, which is the first major prosecution of a physician illegally distributing oxycotin. I have also had the privilege of serving as a Special Attorney to the Attorney General in a number of cases.

During the 2001 transition, I was called on to serve as Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General (Robert Mueller and Larry D. Thompson) and the Special Counsel on Health Care Fraud. As Senior Counsel, I advised the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General on transition issues, regulatory matters, and pending litigation. As Special Counsel on Health Care Fraud, I was charged with the oversight of the United States Department of Justice's health care fraud policy and litigation, both civil and criminal. Additionally, I had the privilege of representing the United States at treaty negotiations in Geneva, Switzerland, on matters relating to health care.

Now, as the President's nominee for Inspector General for the General Services Administration, I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving my country. The role of an inspector general has always been important, but it is even more so while so many of our nation's precious resources – our people as well as our money – are being devoted to winning the global war on terrorism. At this critical time, government agencies must continuously work to do more with less. The General Services

Administration is a key place for this Administration and this Congress to ensure that the taxpayers' money is being well spent and not misused.

I understand that the responsibilities of the position to which I have been nominated are great, and it is clear to me that this will be a challenging assignment. But I believe that the knowledge and experience I have gained in nearly two decades of public service have prepared me for the new challenges I will face if confirmed as Inspector General of the General Services Administration. My experience as a prosecutor and familiarity with United States Attorneys' offices, for example, should be of great assistance in referring cases for prosecution. The ultimate weapon against waste, fraud and abuse is criminal prosecution. Criminal prosecution will deter those tempted to defraud the government. As Benjamin Franklin warned at our Nation's founding: "There is no kind of dishonesty into which otherwise good people more easily and frequently fall than that of defrauding the government."

If confirmed, I welcome the challenges of this position at this historic time, and I will work hard every day to carry out my responsibilities. I also look forward to working with you and with other Senators and the Members of Congress to achieve our mutual goals for the operations of the General Services Administration.

Chairman Collins, thank you for allowing me to testify here this afternoon, and I would be happy to answer any questions that you and other members of the Committee may have.