

Statement of Alan M. Leventhal
Nominee to be U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark
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Chairwoman Shaheen, Ranking Member, and Distinguished Members of the Committee, it is a privilege to appear before you. I am honored to be the nominee for U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark, and I thank President Biden and Secretary Blinken for their confidence in me.

I would first like to acknowledge my wife, Sherry, who has been such a source of strength and has supported me in all my endeavors. I also want to acknowledge my son Alexander who is representing his sisters and brothers today. I also would like to remember my parents who instilled in me the importance of service to community and country.

This has led me to leadership roles in organizations that have meaningful impact on the world. I served for 10 years as Chair of Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation - which is known as the venture capital of Cancer Research. Thirteen of the individuals we funded later won the Nobel Prize. I am a member of the governing board of MIT - one of the top-rated research institutions in the world. MIT's mission is to help solve the great global challenges including climate and health. In my business I have led transformational developments to improve the urban environment. My companies have created thousands of affordable housing units for working families.

In each of these endeavors I have worked with smart people who bring diverse views, backgrounds, and experiences. I approach each challenge by listening and treating my colleagues with dignity and respect. If confirmed, I hope to use these skills to successfully advance U.S. interests and values in the Kingdom of Denmark.

If confirmed, my first priority would be to ensure the safety and security of U.S. citizens in the Kingdom of Denmark.

My second priority will be to advance our shared security interests, especially in light of Russia's brutal and unprovoked war against Ukraine. As the only country that is a member of NATO, the EU, and the Arctic Council, Denmark partners with the United States on many issues. Denmark currently leads the NATO mission in Iraq and is a close global partner on security issues. If confirmed, I will work to ensure Denmark's commitment to stability and security, as well as meeting its NATO defense spending commitments.

My third priority is to strengthen our economic relationships, promoting bilateral exports and recovery from COVID-19 and expanding Danish investment in the United States, in order to create good paying jobs for working families. Denmark has some of the world's leading companies working on global issues like climate change. My own company - Beacon Capital Partners - has been a leader in sustainability, receiving EPA's Energy Star Partner of the Year Award for 11 consecutive years. If confirmed, I would draw on my experiences to promote

mutual exchanges and investment between the United States and the Kingdom of Denmark, including the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

My final priority, if confirmed, will be to promote and strengthen the ties of our best academic and research institutions with their counterparts in the Kingdom. Denmark's renowned research institutions recently marked the 100th anniversary of both the founding of Niels Bohr Institute and the awarding of the Nobel Prize in Physics to Niels Bohr. To ensure our relations are as strong in the future as they are today, I would engage with the people of Denmark, the Faroe Islands, and Greenland to expand people-to-people ties through exchange programs and robust public diplomacy efforts.

If confirmed, I look forward to supporting the safety and morale of staff at the Embassy in Copenhagen and our Consulate in Nuuk. I also look forward to working with Congress to further U.S. priorities in the Kingdom of Denmark, one of our closest European partners.

We are stronger when working with our allies to advance our shared security, prosperity, and values.

It would be the greatest honor to represent my country to the Kingdom of Denmark. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your questions.