

Testimony of David Eisner
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Chairman Lee, Ranking Member Heinrich, distinguished members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Good morning, my name is David Eisner, and I am honored to appear before you as President Trump's nominee to be the next Assistant Secretary of International Affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy. I am grateful to President Trump for the honor and the chance to serve my beloved country again.

I am thankful to have the support of many loved ones today, both near and far. Here today is my beautiful fiancée Rachael, my brother Ken, as well as friends and former colleagues from Treasury and my former business ventures. I also know that my 93-year-old mom is taking time out from her daily schedule of board games and activities to proudly watch her beloved son appear before the U.S. Senate as a presidential nominee.

I was born and raised just outside of Pittsburgh, in a middle-class suburb with my younger brother, Ken, by my father, who was a bookkeeper, and my mother, who was a schoolteacher. From an early age, I developed a deep appreciation for public service and a strong passion for giving back. That came directly from my parents, who were both active in the Pittsburgh Jewish community and always taught us the importance of serving others.

As a teenager, I was active in my synagogue's youth organization, and in 1975 and 1976, I had the honor to work for Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson – a towering figure in the U.S. Senate for three decades. Senator Jackson further inspired my passion for public service, and when I went off to law school, I did so with the full intention of returning to Washington D.C. for a career in public policy.

But, as life often does, mine took a different path. After law school, I was blessed with five different careers: corporate attorney, investment banker, senior executive of a global investment bank, entrepreneur and start-up CEO and investor.

In 2000, I co-founded *TheMarkets.com*, a financial data company backed by nine global financial institutions. One board member of that company was someone who's name you might recognize -- Steven Mnuchin. Seventeen years later, then U.S. Treasury Secretary Mnuchin contacted me and asked me if I had any interest in public service, and I enthusiastically said yes! Among the many roles I played as the Assistant Secretary for Management at the Treasury Department, from March 2020 until January 2021, I had the privilege of working alongside a dedicated team to design and execute the largest economic rescue package in American history. That experience –

during a time of profound national challenge – was both humbling and deeply meaningful. I was honored to receive the Hamilton Medal, Treasury’s highest award, from Secretary Mnuchin in recognition of that work. I feel blessed to have had a successful career of more than thirty-five years in business. However, I can say without hesitation that serving for three years as the Assistant Secretary for Management at the U.S. Department of the Treasury was the best job I have ever had.

Having previously served in government; I know the sense of purpose that public service brings. So, when I was asked to return – this time to the Department of Energy – I accepted without hesitation and would be honored to serve again if confirmed.

Even while working in the private sector, I never lost my drive to make a positive impact on my community and the betterment of others. I have dedicated significant time to philanthropy, serving on the boards of various organizations – from my university alma mater, to prostate cancer research, pro-Israel advocacy and Jewish education.

Through business and philanthropic work, I have been fortunate to travel to dozens of countries and sit across the table from heads of state, ministers, diplomats, business leaders and thought leaders. Those experiences have given me a deep appreciation for the power of American energy—and the men and women who produce it—to shape our future at home and to build peace abroad.

I wholeheartedly embrace this administration’s energy dominance agenda. If confirmed, I look forward to sharing this vision around the world. I believe our abundant energy resources are not only an engine of economic growth, but a strategic tool of American diplomacy.

Thank you for your time today and look forward to answering your questions.