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Good afternoon Chairman Looney, Chairman Janowski, Ranking Member Fasano, Ranking Member Piscopo and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today on my proposed appointment to the CRRA Executive Board. For the record, it is different sitting here than it was sitting where you are.

First, I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself and my background. I am currently serving as Mayor of the Town of Stratford. Prior to that, I served as state legislator from Stratford's 120th District for 13 years.

I started out in public service as a Town Councilor, where I was chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, and I also served Stratford as Chairman of the Roosevelt Forest Commission.

As a lifelong resident of Stratford, I have been active in town affairs and civic groups, including: (Past President) Stratford Rotary Club, Bridgeport Regional Business Council, Stratford Train Station Advisory Committee, SaveStratford.org, and the Raymark Advisory Committee. I am a past board member of the Stratford Visiting Nurses Association, and a co-chairman of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council's Regional Legislative Caucus.

I am a graduate of the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma, where I earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance.

If granted the committee's and the General Assembly's approval, I would welcome the challenge of working CRRA board members to achieve CRRA's stated mission of developing and implementing environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of Connecticut's municipalities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my nomination to the CRRA Executive Board, I will do my best to answer any questions that you may have.