

**Written Statement of Sean J. Cooksey**  
**Nominee to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission**

Good morning, Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member Klobuchar, and members of the Committee. It's an honor to appear before you.

I'd like to thank both the Chairman and the Ranking Member for convening this hearing to consider my nomination to the Federal Election Commission, and I'd like to thank President Trump for nominating me. I would also be remiss if I did not thank the committee staff and the White House staff who have helped with my nomination.

I do not have an opening statement, but I would like to acknowledge some important people.

First and foremost is my wife, Ellyn. She is my hero and an unwavering source of love and support.

I thank my parents, Ken and Susan Cooksey, for all their patient love throughout my life. I am fortunate to be their son.

I am also grateful to my two brothers, my grandmother, and the many friends and colleagues who have encouraged me along the way.

Finally, I am indebted to three mentors. The first is Judge Jerry Smith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, for whom I was lucky enough to clerk after graduating law school.

The second is Senator Ted Cruz, who gave me my first job in the United States Senate and has been a role model for me ever since.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my current boss, Senator Josh Hawley, who entrusted me to work for the people of Missouri as his General Counsel. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve on his staff.

With that, Chairman Blunt and Ranking Member Klobuchar, thank you again for holding this hearing, and I look forward to your questions.