

  
STATEMENT TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON THE  
NOMINATION OF KAREN P. TANDY TO SERVE AS  
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT  
ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Chairman Hatch, Senator Leahy, and my other distinguished colleagues on the Senate's Judiciary Committee, I thank you for holding this confirmation hearing today. I am pleased to introduce a Virginian, Karen Tandy, who has been nominated to serve as Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration within the Department of Justice.

Ms. Tandy's background makes her highly qualified for this position. Subsequent to earning her law degree from Texas Tech University, she served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Woodward of the Northern District of Texas.

After serving as a law clerk, Ms. Tandy served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. While an assistant U.S. attorney, she focused on the prosecution of violent crime and complex drug, money laundering, and forfeiture cases.

Subsequent to her service as an assistant U.S. attorney, Ms. Tandy has worked in the Department of Justice in many capacities, including: the first Chief of the Litigation Unit in the Asset Forfeiture Office; Deputy Chief of the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section; and as the first Deputy Chief for the Special Operations Division. Currently, Ms. Tandy serves within the Department of Justice as Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). As Associate Deputy General, she

oversees the Drug Enforcement Administration and the National Drug Intelligence Center, while advising the Deputy Attorney General and Attorney General on drugs, money laundering, and forfeiture issues. As Director of OCDETF, she helps direct the Department of Justice's strategy on drug enforcement.

Mr. Chairman, Karen is obviously a very accomplished American who has dedicated a large portion of her career to public service. She is well qualified, and I am certain she will prove to be a strong asset for the Drug Enforcement Administration.

I am pleased to introduce her to the Committee, and I look forward to the Committee reporting her nomination favorably.