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HEARING — “A REVIEW OF THE MATERIAL SUPPORT TO TERRORISM
PROHIBITION IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2005”

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STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN KYL

Good afternoon, and welcome to today’s hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security. This hearing will focus on S. 873, the Material Support to Terrorism Prohibitions Improvement Act of 2005, a bill that I recently introduced with Senators Cornyn, Coburn, and Sessions. With today’s hearing, I hope give this legislation an opportunity for a public airing.

I am pleased to introduce the witnesses who will testify before us today. Barry Sabin is the Chief of the Counterterrorism Section of the Justice Department’s Criminal Division. Mr. Sabin previously served nearly a dozen years in the United States Attorney’s Office in Miami, Florida, where he held the positions of Chief of the Criminal Division, Chief of the Major Prosecutions and Violent Crimes Section, and Deputy Chief of the Economic Crimes Section. His most recent position in that office was First Assistant United States Attorney.

Also with us today is Mr. Daniel Meron, the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General of Civil Division of the Department of Justice. Mr. Meron brings a wealth of expertise to the legal and constitutional issues presented by the legislation that we are reviewing today.

Finally, I am pleased to also introduce Mr. Andrew McCarthy, a Senior Fellow at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. Mr. McCarthy is a former federal prosecutor who led the prosecution of the case of Omar Abdel Rahman – the so-called blind sheik – in connection with the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, and has worked on a large number of other counterterrorism prosecutions.

I thank you all for appearing before us today.

