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Statement of Cynthia L. Bauerly

Thank you Chairman Feinstein, Ranking Member Bennett, and members of the Committee for the opportunity to appear before you today.

It is an honor to be nominated by the President to serve on the Federal Election Commission and to be considered by the Senate in its advice and consent role. I would like to express my deep gratitude to Majority Leader Reid for his confidence and his recommendation to the President.

I would also like to thank Senator Schumer from whom I have learned so much. I will always be grateful to him for providing me with an opportunity to serve in his Senate office, first as his Counsel and later as his Legislative Director. It was a privilege to work with him, and his incredible staff, on behalf of New Yorkers and our Nation.

I am so proud to have my parents, Sharon and Mike Bauerly, and my sister, Nicole Bauerly, with me today. It means a great deal to me that all three of them were able to travel from Minnesota to be here. Although other members of my family, my brother Dean, my sister-in-law Rita and my brother-in-law Chad, could not attend the hearing, I am thankful for their love and support.

I am honored by the President's nomination and the Leader's recommendation for this new opportunity to continue in public service. I believe the Federal Election Commission serves an essential purpose in our democracy. Its mission of preventing corruption in the federal campaign process by administering, enforcing, and formulating policy with respect to federal campaign finance statutes, is vital to ensuring that Americans can put their trust in the credibility and accountability of the election system.

If given the opportunity to serve on the Federal Election Commission, I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners and the Commission's dedicated and talented staff to fulfill the agency's important mission in service of our democracy.

I again thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for holding this hearing to consider my nomination. I will be pleased to answer any of the Committee's questions. Thank you.

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Cynthia L. Bauerly is an attorney in Washington, D.C. From late 2005 through 2007, Ms. Bauerly served as Legislative Director for Senator Charles E. Schumer of New York. She directed all aspects of the Senator's legislative agenda by setting and implementing legislative priorities, managing policy staff, advising the Senator on floor strategy, campaign finance and ethics policy, overseeing committee and subcommittee activities, and coordinating with communications staff.

In 2004 and 2005, Ms. Bauerly practiced intellectual property and business litigation with the firm of Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis, Minnesota. From February until November of 2005, she served as Policy Director for the Amy Klobuchar for United States Senate campaign.

From 2002 until 2004, Ms. Bauerly served as Senator Schumer's Counsel on the Judiciary and Rules Committees. As Counsel she advised the Senator on a broad range of policy matters including election reform, campaign finance, technology, telecommunications, intellectual property, antitrust, legal process reform, and immigration.

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