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United States Senate Committee on
Homeland Security and Government Reform

Distinguished Committee Members,

My name is Lisa A. Borbe. I am a retired United States Marine – I served our nation honorably for more than 20 years. After my retirement from active duty, I continued to serve our country as a civilian member of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Transportation Security Administration (TSA). I retired from TSA in 2018 with 31 years of combined service.

Today I learned that President Elect Biden nominated Deanne Criswell for the position of FEMA Director. It is important that you are made aware of very negative and moral issues associated with Ms. Criswell during her last assignment with FEMA and while she was a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES).

Ms. Criswell began an extra marital affair with another SES assigned to TSA. During this illicit affair, Ms. Criswell would leave during work hours to rendezvous in various hotels in order to carry on her affair with a married man, she was also married. She would spend hours away from the office in a hotel room while being paid to be in her federal office. In addition, her husband Mr. Jack Criswell, was also employed by FEMA and still is. They are now divorced as a result of this and other affairs she had during her tenure in FEMA.

Ms. Criswell also held a Top-Secret Security Clearance, and she put herself at risk of coercion as a result of her numerous extra marital affairs. She likely still holds that clearance unfortunately.

Ms. Criswell lacks moral character and judgement. She betrayed the trust of the public, her family, and the Senior Executive Service of the United States. She dishonored her husband as a subordinate FEMA employee and me as a subordinate TSA employee.

Our nation must heal. Now is the time to identify potential embarrassments for our new President. Honor, courage, and integrity are three character traits that Ms. Criswell violated as a former FEMA executive. If she is confirmed, she will bring embarrassment to DHS and FEMA and most importantly to the Office of our new President.

In closing, I know this to all be true and correct as Ms. Criswell carried on her illicit affair with my former husband, who left government in 2015. I am willing to testify under oath to this as well as my former husband who carried on the affair with her.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Borbe