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**Legislative Hearing on S. 1003**

Mr. Chairman:

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, good morning. I appreciate the opportunity to come before you today to provide testimony and answer any questions you may have regarding the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation and its position on the pending legislation.

On July 21, 2005, the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation presented testimony before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs regarding S. 1003. The testimony stated that the Office was in agreement with the legislation's projected date for completion of relocation and transfer of any remaining function to the Department of Interior. The testimony also recommended certain changes which addressed the efficient and timely completion of our mission. These changes have since been incorporated into S. 1003, as passed by the Senate. We understand that the Department of Interior has remaining concerns with the bill and we defer to the Department on these concerns. However, the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation would like to work with Interior and the Committee to resolve all remaining issues. We agree with Interior that anything less than a well-planned transition of responsibilities would not serve the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe or the Federal Government well.

I would be happy to try to answer any questions the Committee has for me.