

Chairman's Opening Remarks
November 18th Hearing

"The U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging will now come to order.

I grew up in public housing, and I know what it looks like when a family is working hard and still struggles to make ends meet – and unfortunately, this is the reality for too many families today.

My mom always taught us that with hard work and a good education, anyone could live their American Dream.

That starts by ensuring every American can get a good-paying job.

It is my core belief that getting a job and working hard makes everything possible. It is the key to living your American Dream.

I know we all have ideas on ways to preserve and reform the safety net for those who need these programs, as well as support families on the path to a better life ,like my Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act and my Let's Get to Work Act.

Senator Husted has been an incredible advocate on this issue, and I always encourage members of this committee to take me up on my offer to host hearings on topics that matter most to them.

First of all, I would like to congratulate the Ranking Member who will be the Chair starting January third, and I know she will do a great job.

One of my goals as Chairman has always been to encourage this committee to discuss issues facing aging Americans, no matter which side of the aisle you are on.

So, thank you, Senator Husted, for bringing this to the Aging Committee's attention. You have been a great partner and a wonderful colleague, and I know you will continue your fight to leave this world a better place for the next generation.

Now, I would like to recognize Senator Husted for his opening statement and to introduce today's witnesses."

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