

## **Opening Statement**

**Congressman Paul E. Gillmor (R-OH)**

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I thank the Chairman. It is my privilege today to introduce Dave Roberts, President and CEO of Lutheran Homes Society located in Ohio's 5th District, which I have been proud to represent for close to 20 years.

Mr. Roberts received a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration and an MBA from the University of Toledo. He continued his education at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America located in Missouri and is currently finishing his doctoral studies at Capella University.

With Mr. Roberts at the helm, Lutheran Homes has become one of the largest long-term care non-profits in America. Lutheran Homes Society provides critical housing to my constituents in Norwalk, Fremont, New London, Bucyrus, Whitehouse and Napoleon, Ohio.

I appreciate Mr. Robert's diligence in working to solve the housing needs of Northwest Ohio and his willingness to testify today on our third panel. I look forward to hearing his testimony along with our other distinguished witnesses. I thank the Chairman and yield back.

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