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Opening Statement by Congressman Paul E. Gillmor
House Financial Services Committee
Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises
Hearing entitled, "GSE Reform and the Federal Home Loan Bank System."

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for calling this hearing and for your continued leadership on this important issue.

In light of last fall's findings concerning accounting irregularities and failed corporate governance involving a company endowed with our public trust, I hope we can have a full discussion today on the continued need for stronger supervision through a new regulator for Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs), created to fulfill a public mission and support our housing market. Again, while I am disappointed that we have not yet been able to pass much-needed reform legislation, I remain optimistic, and look forward to hearing the perspectives of the well-balanced panel of witnesses before us today.

Thank you again, Mr. Chairman, for scheduling this hearing and I look forward to an informative and thorough discussion.