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Department of Defense Investment in Technology and Capability to Meet Emerging Threats

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to appear before you today, and to share my views on emerging threats facing the United States, and capability areas that may require greater investment to meet them. My testimony is intended to provide context within which one might assess the Department of Defense's research and development priorities.

In my testimony today, I will describe some of major security challenges the United States is likely to face in the next two decades. I will then outline potential discontinuities in future warfare that should be considered when making future investment decisions. Building on those discontinuities, I will discuss their broad implications for U.S. defense planning. Finally, I will suggest capability areas that appear to be potential growth opportunities for investment given these discontinuities and their implications.