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OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMISSIONERS  
AND SENATOR KENNEDY BY THE CHAIRMAN

THE CHAIRMAN: Good morning. I'd like to welcome you to the initial hearing of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission. We are honored to have with us Senator Kennedy, one of the sponsors in the Senate of the legislation that created this commission. I commend him for his commitment to this issue. A lot of people would shy away from an issue of providing the quality of treatment that we have an obligation to provide to those who are incarcerated in our prisons and jails throughout the country. But I'm not surprised that Kennedy would be one of the sponsors of this legislation since he has been a champion of Human Right and Civil Rights in his long tenure in the United States Senate.

I was going to introduce the commissioner, which I will introduce at some point, but I know that Senator Kennedy has pressing business he has to attend to, so we hear from him at this time. Thank you for being present, Senator.