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Good afternoon, everyone.

My name is Joe Bhatia, and I am president and CEO of the American National Standards Institute.

I would like to thank you all for joining us for this important discussion on public sector engagement in standardization. It is great to see such a large turn-out, and it is my pleasure to be here to present today's speakers, who represent the leadership of the government's newly formed National Science and Technology Council Subcommittee on Standards:

- Aneesh Chopra,
- Pat Gallagher, and
- Phil Weiser.

Aneesh Chopra is the U.S. Chief Technology Officer and Associate Director for Technology in the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy, and is a co-founder of the NSTC. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Chopra served as Secretary of Technology for the State of Virginia, and as Managing Director for the Advisory Board Company, a health care think-tank.

Pat Gallagher is Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology, and previously served as Deputy Director. Prior to that, Dr. Gallagher was the director of the NIST Center for Neutron Research, and was a NIST agency representative at the National Science and Technology Council.

Phil Weiser is the U.S. Deputy Assistant Attorney General for International, Policy and Appellate Matters. He is a Professor and Associate Dean for Research at the University of Colorado's School of Law and Interdisciplinary Telecommunications Program. He previously served as a Professor at the New York University School of Law, the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, and was a Law and Public Affairs Program Fellow at Princeton University.

On behalf of ANSI, I would like to welcome Mr. Chopra, Dr. Gallagher, and Mr. Weiser, and thank them for being here to speak with us today.

As the coordinator of the U.S. standards and conformity assessment system, ANSI is pleased to provide the forum through which this type of discussion and collaboration between the public and private sectors can take place.

I look forward to active engagement from all of you today in this important discussion, and thank you for your attention.

Aneesh, Pat, and Phil, the floor is yours.