

Opening Statement: Chairman James Moran
Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
Mr. Lee Hamilton, Director

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I would like to welcome my former colleague, Lee Hamilton. It is important for the Subcommittee to have hearings for some of our smaller agencies, which sometimes get lost in the conversation. The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is a unique and unusual government institution. The Federal contribution for this active Presidential Memorial is not large. However, the quality of the work and the outreach extent of the Center are vital to provide policy-relevant research that enhances capabilities of leaders and citizens.

The fiscal year 2011 budget request for the Wilson Center is \$9.9 million, which is a 19 percent reduction from the FY 2010 enacted level. I understand that such a reduction would have serious consequences. So I hope we can take some time at this hearing to understand how the private and the public funding for the Wilson Center interact, and what the impacts of this budget cut would be.

Without further delay, I turn to Mr. Simpson for his opening remarks.