REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
UNITED STATES SENATE

SUBJECT: Ambassadors Nomination: Certificate of Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Ukraine

CANDIDATE: Geoffrey Pyatt

Geoffrey Pyatt is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. As the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (PDAS) in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA), and a two-time Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM), Mr. Pyatt has demonstrated a strong record of effective leadership, including an ability to lead and motivate large and diverse interagency teams. His current work as PDAS includes being “economic DAS” for SCA, which will be directly relevant to the promotion of economic reform and transparency in government in Ukraine.

Prior to his current service as SCA PDAS, Mr. Pyatt was DCM at the U.S. Mission to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and International Organizations in Vienna, Austria (2007-2010). Before that, he served as DCM (2006-2007) and earlier as Political Counselor (2002-2006) in New Delhi, India. His other assignments have included serving as Economic Officer in Hong Kong, Principal Officer in Lahore, Pakistan, Director for Latin America at the National Security Council, and Staff Assistant in the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs. Mr. Pyatt also served in Honduras and India after joining the Foreign Service.

Mr. Pyatt earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California at Irvine. He speaks and reads Spanish. His numerous awards include four Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards and several individual Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards.

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