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2024 AGOA Eligibility Review Virtual Public Hearing

Topic: Request to testify at the AGOA eligibility virtual hearing. This is a follow-up to our written comment Granting AGOA eligibility to the Federal Republic of Somalia dated 7/5/2023.

Von Batten-Montague-York, L.C. was engaged in June 2022 by the Federal Republic of Somalia's Embassy in Washington, D.C., to advise, initiate and facilitate discussions and actions toward the Federal Republic of Somalia achieving AGOA eligibility status.

Good afternoon.

I request permission to testify during the virtual public hearing scheduled for July 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. EDT via WebEx. If granted permission, I will testify to support the Federal Republic of Somalia being deemed AGOA eligible.

I look forward to hearing from you on this important issue.

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