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ANEESH CHOPRA TESTIFIES BEFORE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

*Obama Nominee for OSTP Associate Director for Technology
Calls for Commitment to a "Culture of Innovation"*

Aneesh Chopra, President Obama's nominee for the position of Associate Director for Technology in the Office of Science and Technology Policy, today called for a new era in which technology helps solve many of society's most pressing problems.

"I draw inspiration from my father who instilled in me the values of intellectual rigor, personal excellence and public service," Chopra said during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. "If confirmed by the Senate, I intend to channel that passion to execute on the President's vision for a 21st Century economy – harnessing the power and potential of new technologies to extend new opportunity to more Americans."

Chopra's full remarks can be accessed at the following link:

<http://commerce.senate.gov/public/files/AneeshChopraTestimony.pdf>

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