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3 MR. GERSTEIN: Thank you, Commissioner McCarthy,
4 Madam Chair, members of the Commission. I'm the research vice
5 president at NORC. My name is Dean Gerstein. We're very
6 appreciative of the opportunity both to address the Commission
7 and discuss questions at this meeting and more generally, the
8 opportunity to carry out this research with and on behalf of the
9 Commission. My colleagues here today represent the working task
10 management and project director for this project at NORC.

11 On my right and in the order in which we're prepared
12 to give you a brief overview of the report as a whole, but we are
13 intending to pull together over the course of the next ten months
14 or so, and each of the components of them. Cindy Veldman to my
15 right is the project director. She's a graduate of the
16 University of Chicago, the college as well as the School of
17 Public Policy. To her right, Sam Schildhaus. Dr. Schildhaus is
18 a graduate of City College of New York and Syracuse University's
19 Maxwell School. Howard Speizer is a graduate of the University
20 of Michigan and DePaul University, and he is in charge of the
21 telephone interviewing and related production aspects of the
22 project at NORC for this particular project and a number of
23 others. And Laszlo Engelman, a graduate of UCLA, is a member of
24 NORC statistics department -- I'm sorry -- the University of
25 Southern California.

26 Without any further discussion, let me just say that
27 we are simply going to cover the highlights here. We're very
28 anxious to answer any questions at this meeting or subsequently.
29 If I didn't finish Sam's credentials, he's a political scientist

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1 graduate of the Syracuse University with a Ph.D in political
2 science at Maxwell School.

3 Cindy, would you take over as project director and
4 give us an overview of what we're going to do? Thank you.

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