



Chairman Ken Calvert

*Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations*

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Member Day Hearing
Interior & Environment Appropriations Subcommittee
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Opening Statement As Prepared**

The Committee will come to order. Good afternoon and welcome to the Interior and Environment “Member Day” hearing. This afternoon, the subcommittee will hear from a cross-section of our Members—both Republicans and Democrats—about a variety of issues addressed by this subcommittee.

The Chair will call two Members to the table at a time. Each witness will be provided with up to five minutes to present their testimony. We will be using a timer to track the progress of each witness; when the button turns “yellow,” the witness will have one minute remaining to conclude his/her remarks. (Witnesses who speak less than five minutes will score brownie points with the Chairman!) Members of the subcommittee will have an opportunity to ask questions of witnesses but, in the interest of time, the Chair requests that we keep things moving to stay on schedule.

Before we get underway, I’m happy to yield to my friend, Ms. McCollum, for any remarks she may wish to make.

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