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MEMORANDUM

May 20, 2023

To: Members, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Consumer Choice on the Backburner: Examining the Biden Administration’s Regulatory Assault on Americans’ Gas Stoves”

On Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 10:00 AM ET in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs will host a hearing titled “Consumer Choice on the Backburner: Examining the Biden Administration’s Regulatory Assault on Americans’ Gas Stoves.”

I. BACKGROUND:

On February 1, 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a proposed rule entitled, “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products,” which would set maximum annual energy consumption standards for conventional cooking tops. DOE’s own estimates suggest that only four percent of gas stove tops available on the market today meet the proposed maximum rate, meaning 96 percent of the existing market would be noncompliant if the proposed rule is finalized.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will review the impacts of DOE’s proposed rule on consumer choice and appliance manufacturers, examine the rule in the context of other regulatory burdens on American consumers’ home appliances, and expose flaws in DOE’s energy efficiency analysis of gas stoves.

III. WITNESSES:

- 1. Alejandro Moreno (Invited)***
Acting Assistant Secretary
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
- 2. Dr. Carolyn Snyder (Invited)***
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
U.S. Department of Energy

3. **Matthew Agen**
Assistant General Counsel
American Gas Association

4. **Ben Lieberman**
Senior Fellow
Competitive Enterprise Institute

5. **Kenny Stein**
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