

**Republican Leader Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Energy Commerce Member Day Hearing
July 13, 2021**

RICH HISTORY

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This member day is a chance to celebrate the rich bipartisan history of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

For more than 225 years, the committee has taken on the most difficult challenges of the day.

It's done the hard work and plowed the hard ground to legislate and deliver results.

For hope and healing in our country today, the rich history of this committee must continue.

DULY-ELECTED

Each of our colleagues.... who we'll hear from today... has the honor of representing around 750,000 people.

Just like us, they were duly-elected to serve and are committed to working on solutions to improve people's lives...

... empower people to take risks... improve the world around them...

... and have the courage to dream again.

This is what makes Energy and Commerce uniquely American.

It's the oldest committee in Congress. It was here at the beginning for the very first hopes and dreams in the Promise of America.

Today's member day is about listening and learning about the solutions our colleagues are leading on...

...and why these solutions are important in their districts.

WELCOME

For those who aren't members of the Energy and Commerce Committee... welcome!

I look forward to hearing about your work and legislation... Especially on our shared goals to raise people's standard of living and for America to win the future.

Thank you again Mr. Chairman and I yield back.