

Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Hearing on Discussion Draft of Title II: 21st Century Workforce
Statement for the Record

Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for holding today's legislative hearing on the 21st Century Workforce.

I strongly support promoting this important issue along with Mr. Hudson, Ranking Member Rush, Mr. Green, and the rest of my colleagues on the committee. Our domestic energy security greatly improved as a result of the American energy revolution; and we now lead the world in oil and gas production. Increased American energy security translates in to improvement in our own economic and national security. The Energy Information Administration forecasts increased energy production through 2020, and that will result in increased demand in the workforce. Meeting these growing needs in all aspects of the energy industry, including oil and gas, nuclear, coal, and renewables provides hardworking Americans significant opportunities for well paying jobs.

This bill ensures that we have the skilled workers to continue to fuel our American energy revolution for years to come.