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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding this important markup.

I believe it is important that we acknowledge the fact that, as Republicans promised, we are rolling up our sleeves and starting the work that the American people sent us here to do through regular order and in full transparency.

Thank you, Chair Rodgers and Subcommittee Chair Duncan, for your commitment to ensuring this Committee and Subcommittee work as they were intended under the rules.

Today, I am glad to see this subcommittee marking up a collection of bills that will put the United States back on track in our efforts to provide the American people with access to affordable and reliable energy.

In just two years, the Biden Administration has done immense harm to the cause of American energy independence. Rather than unleashing American energy, President Biden has begged countries like Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, and the rest of OPEC for assistance with gas prices. Republicans understand that we should be supporting all domestic sources of energy development, and not picking winners and losers in order to pursue costly and unworkable climate policies.

The slate of bills before us today will kickstart our efforts to reverse these disastrous policies and return the United States to its position as the preeminent global energy producer.

I look forward to discussing my legislation, the REFINER Act, and hearing from my colleagues on their energy solutions as well.

I yield back my time.