

Opening Statement of Chairman Brett Guthrie
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Good morning, and thank you, Chairman Bilirakis for holding this important markup. American businesses and workers have built some of the world's most important industries, and our economy and communities have benefited tremendously from that leadership. Maintaining America's edge requires an ongoing commitment to innovation, resilient supply chains, and a marketplace where American businesses can compete on the world stage.

That is why I am pleased we are advancing legislation that will help keep the United States at the forefront of these critical sectors.

Two bills today focused on recycling take a practical approach to strengthen domestic manufacturing and support American businesses, provide much-needed clarity to consumers about the products they buy every day and establishing clearer standards for recycling claims, so we can better support the development of new, innovative technologies. Both bills promote transparency, protect consumers, and give businesses greater certainty as they develop and market their products.

Today we will also defend American businesses and workers from foreign burdensome regulatory mandates, like the European Union's Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive. It's unthinkable that American businesses should be forced to comply with costly foreign regulations that duplicate at best, or more likely conflict with U.S. law.

We are also considering legislation focused on some of the technologies that will define our economic future, such as open-source AI, memory chips, quantum, and the equipment needed for advanced manufacturing.

Finally, we will also consider legislation that recognizes the strategic role of the automotive industry and the adverse impact of China on both car buyers and car producers.

Taken together, these bills will help position American businesses and workers to compete and succeed in the industries that are shaping our future.

I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their work on these important issues and I yield back.