

**Chairman Brett Guthrie Opening Remarks
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Thank you, Chairman Palmer, and the members of this subcommittee for the important work that went into today's markup.

Over the past few months, this subcommittee held two hearings to consider common-sense permitting reform solutions to modernize the Clean Air Act. During these hearings we discussed proposals related to how best to protect public health while streamlining sprawling regulations that account for some of the most expensive and significant barriers in the modern permitting process. Costs which are passed down to consumers and communities.

This morning, the environment subcommittee is considering 7 pieces of legislation to modernize the Clean Air Act. These bills will reduce the permitting gridlock that is slowing American economic progress.

It's been 35 years since we meaningfully amended the Clean Air Act, and the bills we're considering today address aging and inefficient provisions that require modernization. We can protect our environment, while fostering economic growth.

Local communities should not be penalized for poor air quality from foreign emissions like the Canadian wildfires. The Clean Air Act should be modernized so that states can continue to protect air quality while balancing the need businesses have for regulatory certainty and streamlined processes to obtain permits to build without unnecessary delays and costs.

Red tape and overburdensome regulations are stifling economic development and American innovation. Communities and companies are being punished for emissions they have no control over. I look forward to discussing the bills today and steps we can take to lessen regulatory burdens on Americans.

Thank you and I yield back.