

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

The Energy and Commerce Committee has a long history of working on a bipartisan basis to tackle important problems facing our country, and the recent work of the Environment Subcommittee has continued this tradition.

Five of the seven bills on today’s agenda are bipartisan, and our respective staff are continuing to work on the battery recycling bill being led by Rep. Miller-Meeks to see if we can reach a bipartisan compromise before a full committee markup.

Our staff have also been discussing a number of other environment bills that were not yet ready for today’s markup, but I am encouraged by the efforts and hope we will be able to markup additional environmental bills in the near term.

As we have discussed repeatedly before this subcommittee, the bills before us demonstrate how we can grow the economy and protect national security, all while maintaining a healthy environment.

Three of the bipartisan bills we are marking up today demonstrate creative ways to address the critical minerals problem by shoring up supply chains for critical minerals and materials through EPA evaluation of regulatory barriers to the recovery of critical minerals from lithium-ion batteries and other materials, and support technologies to recover critical minerals from contaminated land and other materials.

The four other bills we are marking up continue the subcommittee's work of modernizing outdated provisions in the Clean Air Act. These commonsense reforms strengthen and protect the American transportation system that our economy relies upon, help maintain and grow our manufacturing base, and reduce regulatory burdens and costs for consumers. Three of the four Clean Air Act bills are bipartisan, and I thank members on both sides of the aisle for their contributions.

I also appreciate the work of EPA staff in providing technical assistance, and the many stakeholders who have testified before the Committee and otherwise provided their input to get these bills ready for today's markup.

Thank you and I yield back.

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