

Statement for the Record Submitted by Congresswoman Liz Cheney of Wyoming.

The Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Hearing on “Trump Administration Broken Promises on Renewable Energy”

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Chairman Lowenthal, Ranking Member Gosar

The Hearing today is nothing more than a feckless attempt to undermine the Administration at the taxpayers’ expense. Democrats have wasted countless hours in this Committee neglecting the energy needs of our nation, choosing to put politics over the American people.

Instead of working with the President to solidify our domestic energy production, the Democrat Majority on this Committee have focused on leading the witch hunt to discredit the Trump Administration at every single turn. Americans from energy producing states like Wyoming, overwhelmingly support President Trump’s deregulation that brought good-paying jobs back to our communities. Regardless of what the Democrats on this Committee may believe, there is tremendous support for rolling back the burdensome regulations that have hampered the fossil fuel industry for years.

Since the Democrats have taken the majority, they have pushed an agenda that has not only moved us away from being energy independent but has also put our national security at risk. If it were up to the Democrat Majority on this Committee, domestic resource development would cease to exist; rather, we would further our dependence on countries like Russia and China. Every single reliable source of energy production in the Nation has been a target of the Democrat Majority on this Committee: nuclear, coal, natural gas, and both onshore and offshore petroleum development.

Energy independence is essential for our economy, resource development creates jobs.

Americans want solutions, which we have in H.R. 4294, the American Energy First Act, we should be holding a hearing on that legislation and not what we have today.