

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**Opening Statement as Prepared for Delivery**  
**of**  
**Subcommittee on Energy Chairman Bobby L. Rush**

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Mr. Chairman, I would like to begin by thanking you for your tenacious leadership in introducing the Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow’s America Act. As the Chairman of the Energy Subcommittee, this important bill is a top priority for me, especially considering the bill’s strong support from all 32 Democratic Committee members.

The LIFT America Act makes critical investments to combat the climate crisis, expand broadband internet access, and revitalize America’s aging healthcare infrastructure. This bill also makes a serious and sizeable investment to modernize our grid after recent grid failures, improve energy efficiency, and rejuvenate our communities, all while driving job creation. Much-needed investments in these key areas will support this nation in building back better — a top priority for both this body and the communities we serve.

And with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.