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**"A Smarter Investment: Pathways to a Clean  
Energy Future"**

Testimony of Daniel C. Camp III

Thank you Chairman Rush & Ranking Member Upton for asking me to be a part of today's important hearing. My name is Dan Camp, and I currently serve as the Chair of the Board of Commissioners in Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

Beaver County's— and most of the Pittsburgh region's— affinity and strong support for the energy sector isn't tied to a common political ideology— because the support crosses political boundaries. The energy sector's support can't be limited to one particular generation, because many Boomers, Millennials, and many in between living in Western Pennsylvania are supportive of our energy sector. In my opinion, our support of the energy sector

can be in large part due to the family sustaining careers that they  
have been providing.

Therefore, policy attacks through increased taxes, regulation,  
and divisive rhetoric against certain types of energy producers are  
justifiably seen as personal attacks by those working within those  
specific sectors as well. Ultimately, if these attacks are achieved  
through new public policy, they risk affecting these workers having  
the ability to make their mortgage payment and to pay their own  
utility bills. Please just think about that, a desire for some policy  
makers to kill a particular industry or to invoke punitive policies  
against an industry— will impact folks in my area in a way that  
jeopardizes their ability to put a roof over their family or to keep their  
house heated in the winter.

The reality is that hundreds of thousands of people, many  
working in our trade unions, in Western PA rely on the natural gas  
industry's ability to produce natural gas in the Marcellus and Utica  
shales. And thousands of moms and dads rely on Consol's Bailey  
Mine to provide for their children every month. Combine those jobs  
with the downstream jobs whose survival directly depends on those  
energy sources being readily available and affordable.

Yes, in Beaver County that includes Shell's multi-billion cracker plant, but let's be honest Shell is the 4th largest company in the world. I'm not going to sit here and argue that they couldn't afford to pay higher prices on their feedstock. But I know small manufacturing companies can't afford those same price increases, nor have the cap x dollars to retrofit their plants to an alternative energy source. The manufacturing sector has seen a resurgence recently, because of affordable and readily available energy sources.

As you know, regulations that increase the cost of energy production even on large companies like Shell, EQT, Chevron, will inevitably be passed down the supply chain and ultimately paid by their vendors and customers. That means truck drivers, food workers, local union workers, power plants, and home owners will incur those higher costs too. Many of those are small regional companies that can't afford those increases.

The situation in Western PA and our support for all energy sources can be summarized by looking at the employment statistics. Now I'm aware that some people & groups will distort statistics to fit their agenda. But that's not my reason for being here. I'm here merely to give my perspective about the reasons behind why so

many of the people I represent support the energy sector in Western  
Pennsylvania.

That is- the natural gas industry supports almost 24,000 production related jobs, Pennsylvania jobs that are specifically attributed to the natural gas industry total 106,000, and an astounding 323,000 jobs are supported by the industry. In the petroleum oil industry, almost 24,000 jobs are associated with production alone. Combined natural gas & oil support \$23 billion in wages for Pennsylvania. The coal industry directly supports more than 10,000 jobs. Nuclear: another 5,000 plus direct jobs. Wind & solar combine for 8,000, and hydro another 400.

There may be others who testify that certain types of energy have done wonderful things for their local economies and communities: But the reality is that some have not had the same impact as others. And, therefore the support for those others are proportional.