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Thank you Chairman Latta and Ranking Member Castor for holding this markup to advance five bipartisan bills to the full committee.

Throughout the 119th Congress, this committee has held several hearings examining the state of our nation's energy system and the persistent threats facing critical infrastructure, both from adversarial nations and nefarious actors.

We know that rising energy demands and a growing reliance on intricate networks of energy delivery systems could widen attack surfaces and opportunities to cause harm and sow chaos in the daily lives of hardworking Americans.

The bipartisan legislation before us today builds upon the important work being done across the country, under the leadership the Department of Energy, and will ensure a more secure and resilient system as we enter an era of skyrocketing energy demands.

As the Sector Risk Management Agency for the energy industry, the Department of Energy is uniquely positioned to play a leadership role in securing critical infrastructure that everyday Americans rely on.

Bills being considered today will advance DOE's existing authority to protect infrastructure that is essential to the efficient and reliable delivery of energy.

Importantly, legislation before us today will also fill critical gaps in cybersecurity protections for rural and remote areas of the country, and they will improve coordination between public and private entities.

Altogether, these bills will equip government and industry partners with necessary cybersecurity protections and advance more effective leadership from federal entities to prepare and defend against potential attacks.

I urge my colleagues to support the bills before us today and yield back.