

Opening Statement
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Keystone XL Pipeline: Examination of Scientific and Environmental Issues

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Thank you Chairman Stewart and Chairman Lummis for holding this hearing today, and I also want to thank the witnesses for being here. I appreciate the opportunity to examine the costs and benefits of this controversial project in greater detail.

I agree with those who say we need an “all of the above” approach to energy production. But when it comes to determining whether we should approve a project as large and long-lasting as a pipeline that would transport 830 thousand barrels of tar sands oil from Canada to the Gulf Coast every day, I want to make sure that we all have a clear understanding of the total number of U.S. jobs we’d expect the Keystone XL Pipeline to create, the impacts on climate change, and the chances and consequences of a major spill.

I look forward to discussing these important issues with each of you today. With that, I yield back the balance of my time.