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Secretary Granholm:

The Energy and Commerce Committee intends to hold a hearing on April 6, 2022, to explore rising gas prices. Last week, Chairman Pallone sent letters to six oil and gas companies accusing them of “exploiting the war in Ukraine” and suggesting they are “keep[ing] prices artificially high” to “increase their own profits.”¹ Clearly, this hearing is an attempt to deflect blame for the impact the Biden-Harris administration’s rush-to-green policies are having on domestic energy production.

As the Secretary of Energy, you are well-positioned to explain to the Committee and the American people what the Biden-Harris administration will do to reverse its anti-American energy agenda to help address rising gas prices. Further, you recently said we “are on war footing” and that “[i]n this moment of crisis, we need more supply.”² Accordingly, we invite you to testify at the April 6, 2022, hearing to explain the specific steps the Biden-Harris administration will be taking to help increase domestic oil and gas production and supply. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible, but no later than March 25, 2022. If you have any questions and to confirm your attendance, please contact Republican Committee Staff at (202) 225-3641.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers
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¹ Chairman Pallone, Energy and Commerce Committee, *Pallone Asks Oil Company Executives to Testify and Answer for Rising Gas Prices on April 6*, (Mar. 16, 2022), available at <https://energycommerce.house.gov/newsroom/press-releases/pallone-asks-oil-company-executives-to-testify-and-answer-for-rising-gas>

² Ben Lefebvre, *'We are on war footing': Granholm calls on oil companies to ramp up production*, Politico (Mar. 9, 2022), available at <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/03/09/granholm-calls-oil-companies-increase-production-00015802>