

Statement
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Thank your Chair Norton for staying on top of the energy programs under your jurisdiction. It is particularly important that the Nation's Capital lead the way and set the example for other major cities in energy innovations, and since the Federal government is the largest presences here in the Capital city, the role of the Federal government really should set the highest example of energy planning and green initiatives.

The federal government's success today in promoting green initiatives will hold valuable lessons for tomorrow's policymakers and decision makers. Virtually no segment of society is left unchallenged to balance consumption with conservation and efficiency.

In maintaining and operating its property the Federal Government sets the standard of excellence and should be in a leadership position. I am interested in hearing from today's witnesses about all the efforts here in the Nation's capital to promote green buildings and sustainable environments.