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HEAT Updates:

- HEAT held a meeting featuring Chairwoman Shelley Moore Capito, Chairman Brett Guthrie, and Chairman Bruce Westerman, who provided Members with an update on their committees' respective reconciliation priorities for energy policy.



- HEAT Chairman Troy Balderson and Vice Chair Randy Weber co-hosted RSC's weekly lunch on February 12, where Members heard from Energy Secretary Chris Wright:
[Republican Study Committee Hosts U.S. Energy Secretary Chris Wright on Capitol Hill](#)



- HEAT held a staff briefing to educate staff about all aspects of the natural gas value chain, featuring panelists from the American Exploration & Production Council, Williams Companies, and Cheniere. This briefing was the first of HEAT’s recurring “Energy 101” staff briefing series.



- HEAT partnered with the Congressional Western Caucus to host a staff briefing lunch, where panelists from the American Petroleum Institute and American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers briefed staff about the EPA’s Clean Air Act waivers for California’s electric vehicle mandates and potential legislative remedies.



- HEAT released a statement commending EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin’s deregulatory actions: [HEAT Leaders Applaud EPA Administrator Zeldin's Deregulatory Action](#)
- HEAT released a statement commending House passage of RSC Chairman August Pfluger’s Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution to nullify the EPA’s “waste emissions charge” rule for oil and gas producers. Passage of this resolution represents a significant step towards repealing the Inflation Reduction Act’s onerous “natural gas tax”: [HEAT Leaders Applaud Passage of CRA to End Natural Gas Tax](#)

Upcoming HEAT Events:

- HEAT’s Member Breakfast on energy demand & grid reliability, originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, has been POSTPONED. Please stay tuned for future scheduling announcements.

Member Highlights:

- The House passed RSC Chairman Pfluger’s Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution to nullify the EPA’s harmful methane fee.



- The House passed several Congressional Review Act resolutions to overturn regulations issued in the waning days of the Biden administration that would restrict consumer choice and disincentivize domestic energy production. These resolutions include:
 - Rep. Gary Palmer’s CRA [resolution](#) to overturn the Department of Energy’s (DOE) rule effectively banning natural gas water heaters.
 - Rep. Andrew Clyde’s CRA [resolution](#) to overturn the DOE’s energy conservation requirements for products such as dishwashers, air conditioners, freezers, and more.
 - Rep. Morgan Griffith’s CRA [resolution](#) to overturn the EPA’s overreaching regulations on tire manufacturing.
 - Sen. John Kennedy’s CRA [resolution](#) to overturn the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s rule imposing cumbersome surveying requirements for offshore energy production.
- RSC Members introduced several bills to codify President Trump’s energy-related executive actions, including:
 - RSC Chairman Pfluger’s [Unlocking Domestic LNG Potential Act](#), which would affirm the public interest benefits of American LNG exports and ensure timely permitting of export projects.

- Reps. Burlison and Hageman introduced the [UNPLUG EVs Act](#) to rescind funding from wasteful and inefficient EV charging station grants.
- Rep. John Joyce reintroduced the [Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act](#) to prevent the EPA from authorizing California's vehicle standards that would ban internal combustion engines.
- HEAT Chairman Balderson - along with Reps. Pfluger and Palmer - introduced legislation to nullify the Biden EPA's radical "Clean Power Plan 2.0" rule: [Balderson, Palmer, Pfluger Introduce Bill to Nullify Biden Plan to Retire American Power Plants](#)
- The House Energy & Commerce Committee held a [hearing](#) entitled, "Examining The Biden Administration's Energy and Environment Spending Push."
 - "The sheer pace and volume with which this funding was awarded raises questions, and it is worth a pause to evaluate whether the appropriate due diligence was done to ensure taxpayer dollars went to eligible parties and the funds are being used appropriately." - Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Chairman Gary Palmer
- The House Energy & Commerce Committee held a [hearing](#) on energy demand and grid reliability:
 - "In the coming years, it's critical we produce the power needed to meet the demands of the electric grid, while also powering the data centers that are being built to support the critical advancement of AI technology" - Energy Subcommittee Chairman Bob Latta.

Media:

- Daily Caller: [EXCLUSIVE: GOP Rep Looks To Take Politics Out Of Approving Key Energy Projects After Biden Admin Held Them Hostage](#)
 - "President Biden spent four years pandering to progressive climate extremists and restricted future energy exports instead of unleashing American energy production to provide our allies with a secure, affordable energy source. We finally have a President back in office who understands that having efficient, reliable, and affordable energy is the key to U.S. national security." - RSC Chairman Pfluger
- Daily Caller: [House Votes To Repeal Biden Regulation Interfering With America's Energy Comeback](#)

- The Hill: [*Ohio Republican pushes for Congress to act on Trump's orders*](#)
- Axios Pro: [*House GOP lawmaker introduces revamped endangered species bill*](#)
 - "The Endangered Species Act has consistently failed to achieve its intended goals and has been warped by decades of radical environmental litigation into a weapon instead of a tool. With the reforms we are introducing today, we can look forward to a future where the ESA works to support the continued abundance of America's rich and diverse wildlife." - Chairman Bruce Westerman, Natural Resources Committee [Press Release](#)
- Ripon Advance: [*Balderson leads Ohio GOP in disapproving of federal Air Nuisance Rule for home state*](#)
- WSJ: [*EPA Ends the 'Green New Deal'*](#)
 - "Alongside President Trump, we announced that the Environmental Protection Agency will take 31 actions to advance the president's day-one executive orders and power the Great American Comeback." - Administrator Lee Zeldin
 - [*EPA Launches Biggest Deregulatory Action in U.S. History*](#)

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