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Revisiting the Industrial Technologies Program (ITP): Achieving Industrial Efficiency

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Statement of Subcommittee on Energy & Environment Ranking Member Bob Inglis (SC-4)

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding this hearing to discuss the importance of improving industrial energy efficiency.

Industry consumes about one-third of all energy used in the United States. We pump more energy into our factories than we do into our vehicles. Increasing U.S. industry efficiency will have many payoffs: reduce emissions, drive down energy costs enabling domestic companies to compete internationally, and transfer energy cost savings to the consumer.

The Department of Energy's Industrial Technologies Program (ITP) has a successful track record of helping U.S. manufacturers translate research and development into efficient, cost-saving technologies. I look forward to hearing from our witnesses today, and discussing ways the ITP can further enable our nation's industries to achieve energy efficiency while remaining economically competitive.

Thank you again, Mr. Chairman. I yield back.