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Research to Improve Water-Use Efficiency and Conservation: Technologies and Practices (Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3957)

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

Thank you for holding this hearing, Mr. Chairman. I also appreciate Mr. Matheson's work to introduce H.R. 3957, *The Water-Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act*. This bill highlights the need to think more conservatively about invaluable water resources.

We don't have to look far to realize the devastating effects water shortages can have in our lives - fires threaten and destroy California, droughts debilitate crops in South Carolina and a number of other southeastern states, and global citizens have to travel farther and farther to have access to fresh water. By supporting research and development into enhance water-use efficiency and water conservation, the federal government can help improve our national and global response to water shortages. I'm looking forward to hearing from our witnesses today about the type of research and technologies best suited to meet this goal.

Thank you again, Mr. Chairman, and I look forward to discussing this bill before the subcommittee.