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ICYMI: Republicans support innovative solutions to climate change during House climate hearing

Washington, D.C.—This week, during a hearing in the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, Republicans overwhelmingly agreed that the climate is changing, and that innovative solutions are needed to address this issue.

Congressman John Shimkus (R-IL): “We all agree that extreme weather events and climate change presents risk to our communities and communities around the world. While we agree these risks should be addressed, we may disagree about what to do. If we are to reach an agreement on this issue, I believe we must look openly and broadly at potential solutions. Many climate policy advocates have been suggesting for years that if you agree climate change is real then command and control policies policy prescriptions are the only way to address this problem. If you question these expensive solutions, you must not accept the problem. That is a false choice, and the amped up partisan rhetoric it generates prohibits a full look at potential practical policies that not only help reduce carbon dioxide emissions but also ensure our communities can grow and prosper.”

Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR): “Climate change is real. The need to protect the environment is real. The need to foster a strong U.S. economy and grow American jobs is also real. And the need to prepare our communities for the future is real. Republicans on this committee are ready, willing, and able to have serious solutions-oriented discussions about how to address and balance these considerations.”

Congressman David McKinley (R-WV): “I think we’ve heard on the panel so far, most Republicans and Democrats agree that there is, that climate’s changing, and that industrial activity is a major contributor to that. But I think the reinforcement is that we strongly disagree with solutions on how that might be.”

Congressman Billy Long (R-MO): “Mr. Powell, I share your desire to reduce carbon emissions, as any right-thinking person would I would think, and in your opinion what’s the right way to do that? Should Congress encourage market-based solutions to encourage cleaner energy or should we follow the Green New Deal, which would raise taxes and impose stringent costs we just heard about to communities and industries like those that my district deals with?”

Congressman Bill Flores (R-TX): “I was pleased that all the panel and almost everybody up

here on the dais has agreed that climate change is real. The question is: how do we deal with it?”
Congressman Buddy Carter (R-GA): “This is an extremely important subject. I believe that my colleague just asked all of you a question of whether you believed that climate change was real or not. I think if you were to ask that same question to everyone up on this dais that they would say the same thing: Yes, it is. It is real. It’s something that we have to address.”

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