DENVER – Western Energy Alliance President Kathleen Sgamma will testify at a joint forum hosted by the Republicans on the House Natural Resources Committee, House Energy and Commerce Committee, and House Select Committee on Climate on the impacts of President Biden’s energy policies and the current energy crisis. Sgamma’s testimony will focus on the regulatory and economic complexities around the 9,000 oil and natural gas drilling permits the White House has recently pointed out as it attempts to shift the blame from its policies. The forum will take place on Friday, March 18th at 10:00 a.m. ET and can be watched online.

“From the beginning of the Biden Administration continuing until today, the attitude toward American oil and natural gas has been one of hostility,” said Sgamma. “The president has stated repeatedly that U.S. production must come to an end because of climate change, even though increased natural gas electricity generation is the primary reason the United States has reduced more greenhouse gas emissions than any other country since 2005 and American emissions are dwarfed by increasing emissions from China.

“The administration’s actions against our industry have favored producers from Russia and OPEC, ignoring the fact that we follow strict environmental protections that they do not and their energy emits more greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants. Asking producers from unfriendly nations to meet America’s energy needs merely shifts greenhouse gas emissions to those countries at best, revealing the fallacy of killing domestic production in the name of climate change,” Sgamma added.

What: “Pain at the Pump: Biden’s War on American Energy” forum hosted by Republicans on the
• House Natural Resources Committee
• House Energy and Commerce Committee
• House Select Committee on Climate

Who: Kathleen Sgamma, president of Western Energy Alliance

Additional panelists testifying during the forum include:
• Dan Naatz, Executive Vice President, Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA)
• Kevin Bruce, Executive Director, Gulf Energy Alliance
• Chris Wright, CEO and Chairman, Liberty Energy
• Alex Campbell, Vice President, Enduring Resources, LLC
• Tim Tarpley, SVP Government Affairs & Counsel, Energy Workforce and Technology Council
• Charlie Riedl, Executive Director, Center for Liquified Natural Gas
• Scott German, CEO, Chisholm Energy and Ridge Runner Resources
• Rhett Bennett, CEO, Black Mountain.
**When:** Friday, March 18th, 10:00 a.m. ET

**Where:** The forum will be streamed live on YouTube.

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*Western Energy Alliance represents 200 companies engaged in all aspects of environmentally responsible exploration and production of oil and natural gas in the West. Alliance members are independents, the majority of which are small businesses with an average of fourteen employees. Learn more at [www.WesternEnergyAlliance.org](http://www.WesternEnergyAlliance.org).*