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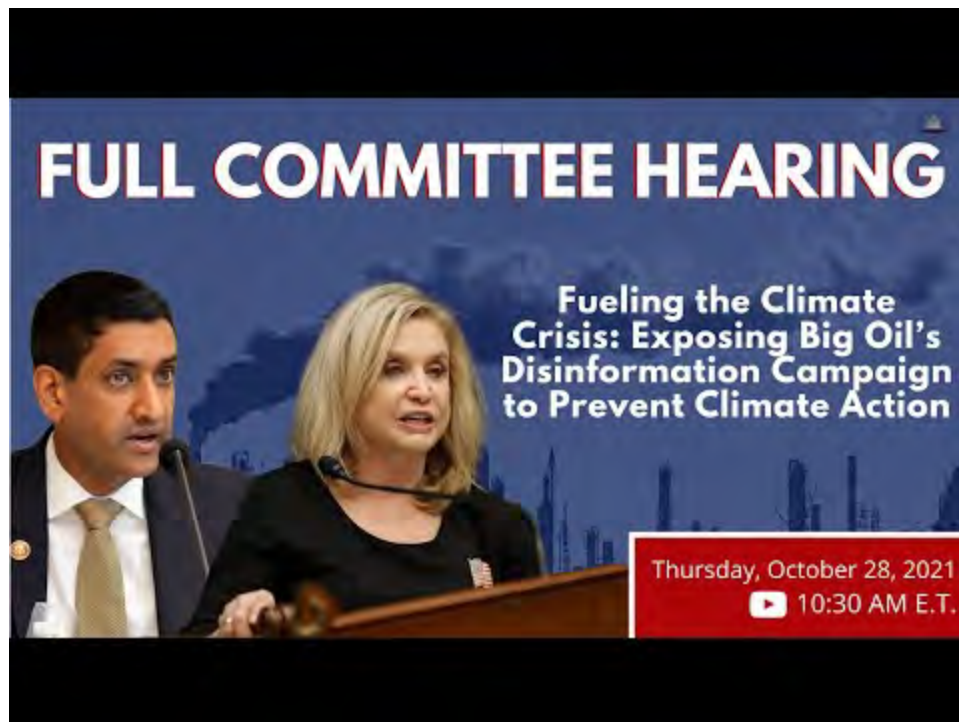
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Capitol Complex, 2154 RHOB, Washington, DC, 20515, USA

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Agenda



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[Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney's Opening Statement \[PDF\]](#)



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Washington D.C. (October 22, 2021)â€” On **Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. ET**, Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, the Chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and Rep. Ro Khanna, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Environment, will hold a [hearing](#) to examine the fossil fuel industryâ€™s long-running, industry-wide campaign to spread disinformation about the role of fossil fuels in causing global warming.

The fossil fuel industry has had [scientific evidence](#) about the dangers of climate change since at least 1977. Yet for decades, the industry spread [denial](#) and [doubt](#) about the harm of its productsâ€”undermining the science and preventing meaningful action on climate change even as the global climate crisis became [increasingly dire](#), and its [deadly impact](#) on Americans increased.

More recently, some large fossil fuel companies took [public stances](#) in support of climate actions while privately continuing to [block](#) reforms, [invest](#) overwhelmingly in fossil fuel extraction, and [support](#) efforts to extend the life of fossil fuel investments. The industry reportedly spends [billions](#) to promote climate disinformation through branding and lobbying. Moreover, they increasingly [outsource lobbying](#) to trade groups, obscuring their own roles in disinformation efforts.

On September 16, 2021, the Chairs sent [letters](#) to top fossil fuel executives requesting documents and communications related to their organizationâ€™s role in supporting

disinformation and misleading the public to prevent action on the climate crisis. To date, all the fossil fuel entities have failed to adequately comply with the Committee's request.

Witnesses

WITNESSES

[Mr. Darren Woods](#)

Chief Executive Officer

ExxonMobil Corporation

[Mr. David Lawler](#)

Chief Executive Officer

BP America Inc.

[Mr. Michael K. Wirth](#)

Chief Executive Officer

Chevron Corporation

[Ms. Gretchen Watkins](#)

President

Shell Oil Company

[Mr. Mike Sommers](#)

President

American Petroleum Institute

[Ms. Suzanne Clark](#)

President and Chief Executive Officer

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

[Mr. Neal Crabtree](#) (*Minority witness*)

Former Welding Foreman

Keystone XL Pipeline

Meeting Documents

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- [UC - Rep. Cloud - Politico - Europe warns its gas price surge](#)
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- [Responses to QFR's from Shell Oil Company, Ms. Watkins](#)
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- [Responses to QFR's from American Petroleum](#)
- [Transcript](#)
- [Responses to QFR's From BP America, Inc.](#)
- [UC- DeSaulnier- Inside Climate News- Exxon Confirmed Global Warming Consensus in 1982 with In-House Climate Models](#)
- [UC- DeSaulnier- Inside Climate News- Exxon Sowed Doubt About Climate Science for Decades by Stressing Uncertainty](#)
- [UC- DeSaulnier- Inside Climate News- Exxon's Business Ambition Collided with Climate Change Under a Distant Sea](#)

- [UC- DeSaulnier- Inside Climate News- Exxon's Own Research Confirmed Fossil Fuels' Role in Global Warming Decades Ago Part 1](#)
- [UC- DeSaulnier- Inside Climate News- Exxon's Own Research Confirmed Fossil Fuels' Role in Global Warming Decades Ago Part 2](#)
- [UC- DeSaulnier- Inside Climate News- Highlighting the Allure of Synfuels, Exxon Played Down Climate Risks](#)
- [UC- DeSaulnier- LA Times- Big Oil braced for global warming while it fought regulations](#)
- [UC- DeSaulnier- LA Times- How Exxon went from leader to skeptic on climate change research](#)
- [UC- Desaulnier- LA Times- What Exxon knew about the Earth's melting Arctic](#)
- [UC- DeSaulnier- Letter to AG Harris](#)
- [UC- DeSaulnier- Letter to AG Lynch](#)
- [UC- DeSaulnier- Letter to Chaffetz and Cummings](#)
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- [UC- DeSaulnier- Letter to Ms. Stausboll](#)
- [UC- DeSaulnier- Letter to Oil CEOs](#)
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Meeting Notes

This hearing will convene in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and over Zoom, which has been approved by the House.