

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**Opening Statement as Prepared for Delivery**  
**of**  
**Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change Chairman Paul D. Tonko**

*Markup of 6 Bills*

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Today we will consider one resolution, H. J. Res. 34, referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.

Methane is a potent greenhouse gas with a global warming potential 84 times worse than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period.

We know how critical it is to address methane to achieve our climate targets. It is why EPA had taken good, well-supported steps previously to reduce methane emissions and other harmful air pollution from the oil and gas sector.

H.J. Res. 34 is a resolution of disapproval for the Trump Administration's 2020 Recission Rule.

If enacted, it would reinstate the pollution reduction requirements established in 2012 and 2016.

A companion resolution has already passed the Senate with bipartisan support.

And the resolution has strong support from a diverse coalition of stakeholders.

I want to thank Reps. DeGette and Peters for their work on this resolution and their multi-year efforts on curbing methane pollution.

I encourage members to support the resolution, and I yield back.