

Thank you, Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Neal!

I am thrilled to be here today to talk about a bill that I filed last week, H.R. 536, the *Agricultural Environmental Stewardship Act of 2025*.

This bill is a common sense approach to unlocking our domestic energy production, as it seeks to extend the Section 48 investment tax credit for qualified biogas properties.

The Treasury Department was significantly delayed in rolling out its Section 48 guidance and announced its final rule-making just 27 days before the Section 48 ITC expired on December 31, 2024.

This has left biogas developers in the dark as they sought to make major investments in America's clean energy future.

My bipartisan bill—co-led by Mr. Valadao—will provide biogas developers the time and certainty to catalyze America's clean and alternative production from landfills, wastewater treatment plants, and agricultural operations.

This biogas can then be converted to renewable natural gas, or RNG, and then used as vehicle fuel or to generate electricity.

We all know the pain our constituents are feeling at the pump or while paying their utility bills. Bolstering our biogas production will help our communities cut costs and stretch their dollars.

This tax credit will also promote energy investment and job growth in local communities across America, including in the districts represented by my colleagues here on the dais.

I have seen these benefits first-hand in my community, as West Michigan is home to farms utilizing anaerobic digesters, as well as water resource recovery facilities generating biogas.

When it comes to energy, I strongly support an all-of-the-above approach. Even leaving the environmental concerns with fossil fuels aside, these are a limited resource—when they run out they're gone.

As a mom of two young kids, I can't help but think about and plan for the next generation's energy needs. Even as we look to lower energy prices now, we need to be creating the fuels of tomorrow today, so we're ready.

This bill will help us do just that, and it's win, win, win situation. In addition to helping producers create alternative, renewable energy sources, and creating jobs, ramping up our biogas production will reduce the U.S.'s dependence on foreign fuels— protecting our national security.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to get this extension across the finish line. My bill will save consumers money, expand domestic energy production, create new jobs, and slash greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you again—I yield back.