

2026 Energy Independence Summit

Monday, February 9, 2026

Location: [Crimson Whiskey Bar](#) (basement bar of The Motto by Hilton)

6:00-8:00 **Summit Opening Happy Hour**

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Location: [MLK Jr Memorial Library](#)

8:00-8:50 **Breakfast**

Sponsor: Blossman Gas (**Stuart Weidie**)

8:50-9:05 **Transition from Breakfast to Auditorium**

9:05-9:10 **Welcome & Opening Reflections: An All-of-the-Above Strategy That Delivers**

Speaker: **Steven Montoya**, Executive Director | TEP

9:10-9:30 **Industry Innovation Spotlight**

Sponsor: Harbinger Motors

Speaker: **Fred DePerez**, VP of Sales & Marketing | Harbinger Motors

9:30-10:15 **Clean Transportation Policy Accomplishments in 2025 & Congressional Outlook for 2026**

Moderator: **Alleyn Harned**, Executive Director | Virginia Clean Cities

Speakers:

- **Daniel J Gage**, President | The Transport Project
- **Genevieve Cullen**, President | Electric Drive Transportation Association
- **Michael Baker**, Senior Vice President & Chief Legislative Officer | National Propane Gas Association
- **David Cobb**, Director of Federal Affairs | Clean Fuels Alliance America

10:15-10:30 **KEYNOTE: Federal Group Discussion**

Introducer: **Ann Vail**, Executive Director | Louisiana Clean Fuels

10:30-10:50 **Coffee Break**

10:50-11:35

Session 1: Renewable Natural Gas & Hydrogen

Moderator: **Anurag Mandalika**, Assistant Professor - Research, Center for Energy Studies | Louisiana State University (Hydrogen and Biofuels)

Speakers:

- **Jeff Clarke**, VP Regulatory & Government Affairs | The Transport Project
- **Delaney Dixon**, Senior Program Manager | National Association of State Energy Officials
- **Andrew Okuyiga**, VP, Public Affairs | UPS
- **Anne Steckel**, Principal | Ardent Strategies

11:35-12:20

Session 2: Ethanol & Bio/Renewable Diesel

Moderator: **Jonathan Overly**, Executive Director | East TN Clean Fuels

Speakers:

- **Paul Winters**, Director of Public Affairs and Federal Communications | Clean Fuels Alliance America
- **Troy Bredenkamp**, Senior VP, Government & Public Affairs | Renewable Fuels Association
- **Steven Levy**, Managing Director | Sprague Energy

12:20-12:35

Transition to Lunch

12:35-1:35

Session 3: Propane

Moderator: **Michael Staley**, President | Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition

Speakers:

- **Stuart Weidie**, Chief Executive Officer | Blossman Gas
- **Tucker Perkins**, President & CEO | Propane Education & Research Council
- **Michael Baker**, Senior Vice President & Chief Legislative Officer | National Propane Gas Association

1:35-1:50

Transition from Lunch

1:50-2:35

Session 4: Electric Vehicles & Charging

Moderator: **Dr. Shelley Francis**, Executive Director | EVNoire

Speakers:

- **Kate Kruk**, Partner & Engagement Director | Lynkwell
- **Michael Miller** | MN8 “*The Bronx is Breathing*” project
- **Colin Lay**, National Grants & Incentives Manager | Harbinger
- **Brett Gipe**, Vice President, Sales | Coulomb Solutions Inc.

2:35-3:20 **Honing the Message: Turning Fuel Stories into Congressional Asks**

Facilitators:

- **Antoine Thompson**, CEO | Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition
- **Fred Schnook**, Executive Director | Wisconsin Clean Cities
- **Michael Staley**, President | Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition

3:20-3:30 **Closing: From Summit to Hill to Implementation**

Speaker: Steven Montoya, Executive Director | TEP

3:30-3:45 **Transition to Reception**

3:45-5:30 **Clean Transportation Reception**

Sponsor: pending confirmation

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

9:00-5:00 **Congressional Office Meetings**

Summit participants, led by their Captains, engaged in a full day of meetings with Congressional offices

5:00-7:00 **Capitol Hill Energy Independence Reception | Sponsored by UPS**

UPS Townhouse | 421 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, D.C. 20003
Hosted by **Andrew Okuyiga**, Vice President, Public Affairs | UPS

Thursday, February 12, 2026

9:00-5:00 **Congressional Office Meetings (optional)**

Summit participants, led by their Captains, will engage in additional Hill meetings based on schedule and availability