

Congressman Kenny Marchant
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I'd like to thank Chairman Frank for holding this hearing on private equity. Private equity is an industry that I feel is much misunderstood and undeservedly maligned. I am happy that the Chairman has given the industry this stage to educate us on this subject matter.

Private equity has been grabbing headlines lately with larger and larger profile deals. The latest—Cerberus's deal to buy Chrysler—even involves one of the Big Four automakers. It is because of deals like these and others like it that the private equity industry has stepped into the public eye. Unfortunately for them, they are a victim of their own success because now they have to come educate Congress on their industry.

I have the utmost confidence that once we take a closer look, everyone will see that there is absolutely nothing sinister about this industry. In my opinion, this is capitalism in one of its most innovative and efficient forms.

I look forward to the testimony of the witnesses and thank the Chairman again for scheduling this timely hearing.