

**Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing**  
**"An Oversight Hearing on Record High Gasoline Prices**  
**and Windfall Oil Company Profits"**

**Witness Biographies**

**Mary McCaffrey**  
**Cranberry Farmer**

Mary McCaffrey lives on Spring Rain Farm in East Taunton, Massachusetts. She helps with the family farm, carpentry businesses, and teaches kindergarten through fourth grade as a substitute teacher. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association and Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom.

**Trica Young-Williams**  
**Hearing and Vision Technician, Montgomery County School Health Services**

Trica Young-Williams is a Hearing and Vision Technician for Montgomery County School Health Services. She is a mother of a five-year-old daughter and an eight-year-old son. Ms. Young-Williams is a member of the Montgomery County Community Action Board, where she works on behalf of low-income families.

**Patrick Meadowcroft**  
**Owner, Maryland Line Service Center**

Patrick Meadowcroft is proprietor of the Maryland Line Service Center, a family-owned independent gas station in Parkton, Maryland. He has worked in the gasoline service station industry since 1964, and has owned or operated both independent and branded gas stations. His current station, Maryland Line Service Center, has remained independent for more than 24 years.

**Mark Cooper**  
**Consumer Federation of America**

Mark Cooper is Director of Research at the Consumer Federation of America, where he has responsibility for analysis and advocacy in the areas of telecommunications, media, digital rights, economic and energy policy. He is also a Fellow at the Stanford Law School Center for Internet and Society, and a Fellow at The Donald McGannon Communications Center of Fordham University.

Dr. Cooper is the author of numerous books and papers on energy policy, the media, and telecommunications, including, *Equity and Energy*; *Media Ownership and Democracy in the Digital Information Age*; *Cable Mergers and Monopolies*; *Open Architecture as Communications Policy*; “Too Much Deregulation or Not Enough;” and “Regulators Should Regain Control to Prevent Abuses During Scarcity.”

Dr. Cooper has provided expert testimony in over 250 cases for public interest clients including Attorneys General and citizens before state and federal agencies, courts, and legislatures in almost four dozen jurisdictions in the United States and Canada. He holds a Ph.D. from Yale University and is a former Yale University and Fulbright Fellow.

**Dean Baker**  
**Center for Economic and Policy Research**

Dean Baker is an economist and Co-Director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, D.C. He previously worked as a senior economist at the Economic Policy Institute and an assistant professor at Bucknell University.

Dr. Baker has written numerous books and articles, including *The United States Since 1980* and “Asset Returns and Economic Growth,” (with Brad DeLong and Paul Krugman). His book *Getting Prices Right: The Battle Over the Consumer Price Index* was a winner of a Choice Book Award as one of the outstanding academic books of the year. He also is the author of the weekly on-line commentary on economic reporting, the Economic Reporting Review (ERR), ([www.cepr.net](http://www.cepr.net)).

Dr. Baker has worked as a consultant for the World Bank, the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. His columns have appeared in many major media outlets including the *Atlantic Monthly*, the *Washington Post*, and the *London Financial Times*. He is frequently cited in economics reporting in major media outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and National Public Radio.