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## Facing subpoena threat, White House allows officials to testify on Solyndra

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WASHINGTON, DC - NOVEMBER 17: Energy Secretary Steven Chu is sworn in while testifying before the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing about the government support for the failed solar panel company Solyndra on Capitol Hill November 17, 2011 in Washington, DC. Chu said 'the final decisions on Solyndra were mine.' (Photo by Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)

Staring down a subpoena threat, the White House agreed Thursday evening to allow administration officials to testify before a House committee investigating the [Solyndra](#) loan guarantee.

The House energy oversight subcommittee was scheduled to meet Friday morning to consider a resolution that would serve subpoenas to White House officials involved in managing the Solyndra loan guarantee.

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Instead, the White House and committee Republicans struck an agreement Thursday evening where five officials will testify. The Department of Energy lost over half a billion dollars in taxpayer money when Solyndra went bankrupt last year.

Solyndra turned into a political scandal for the administration when [internal documents](#) revealed that top Solyndra investors were donors to President Obama and that the loan guarantee was fast-tracked to meet an arbitrary deadline, despite concerns about the viability of the solar power company.

“We are pleased that we will finally have a chance to talk to those administration officials who actually did the substantive work on the Solyndra loan guarantee,” Republican Reps. Fred Upton and Cliff Stearns said in a joint statement. “Speaking to these key players is critical to learning the lessons of Solyndra as we work to ensure taxpayers are never again paying the price for the administration’s risky bets.”

The five administration officials scheduled to testify are the OMB’s energy branch chief Kevin Carroll, branch chief Kelly Colyar, program examiner Fouad Saad, deputy assistant to Vice President Joe Biden and senior adviser to then-White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel Aditya Kumar and deputy assistant to the President for energy and climate change Heather Zichal.

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**Amazingoly**

Why Won't they have to be under oath like in the past? They can simply give false testimony with no perjury charges. This is dumb in my opinion. Independent special prosecutor needed yesterday. We want our tax money back and demand prison time for those responsible.

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**Liberty or Death**

where is secretary chu in this list? they should also bring in the top executives of solyndra. i'd love to hear what they have to say.

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**Poppa**

They all plead the 5th didn't they?

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**bite me obama**

I'm sure they all have their LIES down pat by now!

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**cheyenne cowboy**

Absolutely! My thoughts exactly. You got that one RIGHT! Remember.....if a dems lips are moving.....they're lying.

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**savage24**

And now the stonewalling begins. Another "fast and furious" in the making.

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**Poppa**

Someone will go to jail over the money laundering scam here but it won't be obama.

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**Virginia**

I want to lay to rest the comments directed at me for being angry that there is a black man in the White House. This is not true. I am angry at having an ecru man in the White House.

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**Jennie123**

Nobody will say sh&t and the lies they tell will go unconvicted

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**adastra2005**

Nothing will ever come of this, just like nothing ever comes from any other "investigation" ... F&F, Maxine Waters, Rangel ... etc. Washington is corrupt and no one is accountable for any of the con games being played. Insider trading, crony capitalism, voter fraud, ACORN, NLRB, Keystone Pipeline, tax code ... it is all BS. I am working very hard wherever I can to stop the decline but frankly, I am glad I am old and have no children because I believe America is lost forever.

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**Jennie123**

Unless you are a Republican of course, because they immediately expel those who are guilty of wrongdoing while the Dems circle the wagon and get away with murder. Literally Mr Holder/odumbo

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**Draheir**

Wonder who will fall for Obama?

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**calcon**

This will take some of the heat off of Holder.

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**re-pubnut**

As long as the Republicans are scare of the Obama machine, nothing will be resolve...everything as usual....Money will be giving to Obama's cronies and a small portion will be redistributed in social programs !!! SOCIALISM at WORK

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**grizelda2**

House Energy Committee and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI), a ferocious critic of the Obama administration's energy policies, lobbied the Department of Energy in 2009 to provide loan guarantees for United Solar Ovonic. The company is a subsidiary of Michigan-based Energy Conversion Devices, a maker of rooftop solar panels.

ECD filed for bankruptcy Tuesday.

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**Drabcir**

You failed to say if they recieved any money.And if they did what was the amount? And did the share holders have to be paid back first?

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**grizelda2**

Now: Upton castigates the Administration, piously proclaiming that "It is not the role of government to pick winners and losers."

Then: Upton wrote a letter to Chu asking for loan for the firm, even though it was having visible financial troubles and had just laid off 425 workers.

IOKIYAR.

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**Jennie123**

You didn't answer the question/ Odumbo bundlers have cost the country \$3 B so far and counting

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