

Congressman Chip Roy

Questions for the record

House Committee on Oversight and Reform

June 10, 2020 hearing on “No Worker Left Behind: Supporting Essential Workers”

Questions for Avik S. A. Roy

1. As many Members of the Committee pointed out, personal protective equipment (PPE) is vital for protecting front line responders and workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. What major contributing circumstances led to shortages in PPE at the beginning of the United States’ response efforts?
2. Did having an over reliance on specific countries for these products contribute to PPE shortages?
 - a. Which countries is the United States most reliant on for critical medical supplies, including PPE, medical devices, and pharmaceuticals?
 - b. How would shortages in PPE and other critical medical supplies have been affected if more of these products were routinely made in the United States?
 - i. How would the current rates of COVID-19 mortality and morbidity have been affected had the United States not seen such a shortage in critical supplies in the early days of the pandemic?
3. Understanding production redundancy can be important for critical medical supplies, in what ways can the United States encourage production of PPE, medical devices, and pharmaceuticals?
 - a. What policies can be enacted to encourage increased production in the United States?
 - i. The domestic United States
 - ii. Possessions of the United States