

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

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Dr. Kelly Kryc
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Dear Dr. Kryc,

Thank you for testifying before the Committee on Natural Resources at our November 17th legislative hearing entitled "*Ocean Climate Action: Solutions To The Climate Crisis*," which covered H.R. 8632, the Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act, and H.R. 3548, H.R. 3919, H.R. 4093, H.R. 5390, H.R.5589, H.R.7387, H.R. 8253, H.R.8627. As a follow-up to your testimony, please find the enclosed additional questions submitted by members of the Committee for inclusion in the final hearing record. Please provide your written responses to: Casey MacLean, Policy Aide, **no later than December 3rd, 2020**. Committee Rule 3(o) requires responses within 10 business days of the last day of the hearing (we are allowing an extra day due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

We greatly appreciate your time and insight, and we remain grateful for your contribution to the Committee's work. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. MacLean at (202) 875-0126 or casey.maclean@mail.house.gov about this request.

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva
Chair
Committee on Natural Resources

Enclosure

Questions for the Record from Democrat Members

Questions from Rep. Velázquez

1. Dr. Kryc, as the Chairwoman of the House Small Businesses Committee and a Representative of coastal communities, I'm deeply concerned about the impacts of climate change on small businesses located along our waterfronts. Can you explain the unique challenges faced by small businesses located in our coastal communities? How can small businesses utilize the climate change relocation initiative program in HR 8632 to better prepare for the effects of global warming?
2. Dr. Kryc, due to these unprecedented times, we have the opportunity for economic restructuring that incentivizes clean energy jobs. In your testimony, you discuss how offshore wind energy production promotes jobs for coastal communities and provides economic benefits across the country. As we work towards re-opening our economy, what role can clean energy jobs play in improving public health, labor productivity, and economic output?

Questions from Rep. Cox

1. The COVID-19 pandemic is far from over, as we have seen the number of cases skyrocket over the past few months. Not only are we dealing with a public health crisis, but COVID-19 has also created an economic fallout that we are still grappling with. With unemployment around 7% and an estimated 11 million unemployed, this crisis is not over. According to NOAA, in 2018, the ocean economy was responsible for \$373 billion to our GDP, while supporting 2.3 million jobs. How can we leverage ocean and coastal restoration and ocean-climate solutions to help individuals get back to work, while also helping us address the climate crisis?

Questions for the Record from Republican Members

Question from Rep. Bishop

1. Your testimony relies heavily on the premise that MPAs can help restore overfished fisheries. You push the approach hard for the U.S., but we have healthy, sustainably management fisheries in the U.S. Isn't your position inconsistent with the reality of how well-managed fisheries in the U.S. are?