

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

August 8, 2024

Mr. Michael Hecht
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Dear Mr. Hecht,

Thank you for appearing before the Committee on Natural Resources at an oversight field hearing on Friday, August 2, 2024 titled "*Rigs to Restoration: Examining Gulf Coast Restoration through Energy Production and Permitting.*"

Your testimony was extremely helpful in defining the Committee's understanding of the issue and I appreciate the effort you took to prepare and present your testimony. While many questions were asked during the hearing, the Committee has additional questions, attached, for your reply.

Please forward your responses to Jacob Greenberg, Clerk, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, at Jacob.Greenberg@mail.house.gov by August 22, 2024. Your assistance in meeting this deadline is requested, as failure to meet it will be noted in the printed transcript.

Once again, thank you for your extensive effort in making this a valuable hearing.

Sincerely,



Bruce Westerman
Chairman

**Committee on Natural Resources
Oversight Field Hearing
Nicholls State University
906 E 1st St.
Thibodaux, Louisiana
August 2, 2024
1:00PM (CDT)**

"Rigs to Restoration: Examining Gulf Coast Restoration through Energy Production and Permitting."

Question from Rep. Graves for Mr. Michael Hecht, President & CEO, Greater New Orleans, Inc, New Orleans, LA

1. What are the real-life costs for Louisianians if coastal restoration efforts are not undertaken?