

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

September 16, 2024

Ms. Heather Reams
President
Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions
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Washington, DC 20004

Dear Ms. Reams,

Thank you for appearing before the Committee on Natural Resources on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at a legislative hearing on the following bills:

- **Discussion Draft of H.R. ____ (Rep. Westerman)**, To amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes;
- **H.J. Res. 168 (Rep. Graves of LA)**, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Council on Environmental Quality relating to “National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions Phase 2”; and
- **H.R. 6129 (Rep. Yakym)**, “*Studying NEPA’s Impact on Projects Act*”.

Your testimony was extremely helpful in defining the Committee’s understanding of the issues 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 September 30, 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

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Questions from Rep. Westerman for Heather Reams, President, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions

1. Ms. Reams, during the hearing, you pointed out that an increasing volume of renewable energy projects have been delayed by cumbersome NEPA reviews and lawsuits since 2022.
 - a. Can you elaborate on how the reforms in this bill will help to streamline environmental reviews for renewable energy projects?