

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

September 16, 2024

Mr. Keith Pugh
President 2022-2023
American Public Works Association
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Dear Mr. Pugh:

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

Committee on Natural Resources
Legislative Hearing
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Questions from Rep. Westerman for Keith Pugh, Former President, American Public Works Association

1. Mr. Pugh, you mentioned localities are facing costly increases from new or stricter regulatory requirements, could you go into greater detail what some of those might be?
2. Mr. Pugh, you mentioned that public works, thanks to advances in technology, is conducting more engagement with affected parties and collecting more data for analysis to base their decisions on, could you speak more to that?
3. Mr. Pugh, in your testimony you reference litigation as the perfect being the enemy of the good, could you elaborate more on examples of that or types of projects like water infrastructure and transportation?
4. Mr. Pugh, in your testimony you indicated that the provision if errors or deficiencies were found was very important to your members, could you elaborate?