

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

May 17, 2023

Mr. Paul Huang
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Dear Mr. Huang,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources oversight hearing on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, to present testimony at the hearing entitled, *"Examining the President's FY 2024 Budget Request for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, and the U.S. Geological Survey."*

Your testimony was extremely helpful in defining the Subcommittee's understanding of the issue and I appreciate the effort you took to prepare and present your testimony.

Please forward your responses to Lonnie Smith, Clerk of the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, at lonnie.smith@mail.house.gov by May 24, 2023. 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,



Pete Stauber
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
Chairman

**Committee on Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
Oversight Budget Hearing
1324 Longworth House Office Building
April 26, 2023
2:00 PM**

“Examining the President’s FY 2024 Budget Request for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, and the U.S. Geological Survey”

Questions from Chairman Westerman for Deputy Director, Paul Huang, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

1. Can you provide the exact amount of decommissioning liabilities the U.S. taxpayer has acquired in the 60+ year history of offshore oil and gas development? Can you provide this information to the Committee?