

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

May 16, 2023

David Chura
Board Chair, Jobs for Minnesotans
30 West Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802

Dear Mr. Chura,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources oversight hearing on Thursday, May 11, 2023, to present testimony on two bills:

- **H. Con. Res. 34 (Rep. Stauber)**, Expressing disapproval of the withdrawal by the Secretary of the Interior of approximately 225,504 acres of National Forest System lands in Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, Minnesota, from disposition under the United States mineral and geothermal leasing laws.
- **H.R. ____ (Rep. Stauber)**, "*Superior National Forest Restoration Act*"

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. While many questions were asked during the hearing, the Subcommittee has additional questions, attached, for your reply.

Please forward your responses to Lonnie Smith, Clerk of the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, at lonnie.smith@mail.house.gov by May 30, 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

Enclosure

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Questions from Rep. Pete Stauber for [Mr. David Chura, Chair of Jobs for Minnesotans]

1. Mr. Chura, the minority-invited witness testified verbally and in writing that the mineral resources in the Duluth Complex are "insignificant". What is your understanding of the mineral value of the Duluth Complex?
2. Can you elaborate on the labor organizations represented by Jobs for Minnesotans, and their position on the H.Con.Res.34 and the Superior National Forest Restoration Act?
3. Although we do have tourism jobs in Minnesota, they are largely seasonal. In your experience, do the seasonal jobs offered up as alternatives to mining jobs provide family-sustaining and economy-growing wages?