

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

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Mr. Tim Tarpley
President
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Dear Mr. Tarpley:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at a legislative hearing on Thursday, September 28, 2023, on the following bills:

- **H.R. 1121 (Rep. Duncan)**, "*Protecting American Energy Production Act*"; and
- **H.R. 5616 (Rep. Graves of Louisiana)**, "*BRIDGE Production Act of 2023*."

Your testimony on H.R. 5616 (Rep. Graves of Louisiana) 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 October 18, 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. Stauber for [Mr. Tim Tarpley, President, Energy Workforce and
Technology Council]

1. The BRIDGE Production Act requires the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to utilize the 2017–2022 Record of Decision for the sales required in the bill, will BOEM still be required to conduct site-specific National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews, including Environmental Assessments (EAs) or Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), to assess the unique environmental conditions and potential impacts of individual lease sales?

2. Can you elaborate on how the site-specific NEPA reviews will ensure that environmental safeguards are in place for each individual lease sale, even after the application of the 2017–2022 ROD?