

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

December 15, 2023

Dr. Bryant Jones  
Executive Director  
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Dear Dr. Jones:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at a legislative hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, on the following bills:

- **H.R. 5482 (Rep. Hageman)**, "*Energy Poverty Prevention and Accountability Act of 2023*";
- **H.R. 6474 (Rep. Steel)**, To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expedite geothermal exploration and development in previously studied or developed areas; and
- **H.R. 6481 (Rep. Hageman)**, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to reimburse the fee for an expression of interest if the expression of interest becomes inactive, and for other purposes.

Your testimony on H.R. 6474 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](mailto:Lonnie.smith@mail.house.gov) by January 5, 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,



Pete Stauber  
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources  
Chairman

Enclosure

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**Questions from Rep. Dingell** for Dr. Bryant Jones, Executive Director, Geothermal Rising.

1. Dr. Jones, Department of the Interior has a goal of licensing 25,000 MW of renewables on public lands by 2025. How could next-generation geothermal energy help DOI achieve these goals?
2. Dr. Jones, deploying a significant amount of new geothermal projects on federal land will take [collaboration and innovation](#). Just this fall, leaders from several industries and agencies, including federal, state, and local governments, came together to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Fervo Energy Cape Modern Geothermal Exploration Project in Beaver County, Utah. Mr. Jones, could you please tell us more about how your members are working with public lands managers to ensure there is community engagement and smart siting for geothermal projects.
3. Dr. Jones, what else can the Bureau of Land Management do to advance geothermal energy and create jobs in rural communities?