

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

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Dr. John Metesh  
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Dear Dr. Metesh:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at a legislative hearing on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, on the following bills:

- **H.R. 2925 (Rep. Amodei)**, "*Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2023*";
- **H.R. 6862 (Rep. Lamborn)**, To amend the FAST Act to include certain mineral production activities as a covered project, and for other purposes;
- **H.R. 7003 (Rep. DelBene)**, "*National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2024*"; and
- **H.R. 7004 (Rep. Curtis)**, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to amend references of gilsonite to asphaltite.

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](mailto:Lonnie.smith@mail.house.gov) by February 21, 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. DelBene** for Dr. John Metesh, President, Association of American State Geologists

1. From the perspective of the Association of America State Geologists, what are the key parts of the act that state geological surveys would like to see implemented to make an immediate impact on landslide hazard preparedness at a local level?