

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

March 11, 2024

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 Wednesday, March 6, 2024, on the following bills:

- **H.R. 6482 (Rep. Fulcher)**, “*Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act*”;
- **H.R. 7370 (Rep. Curtis)**, “*Geothermal Energy Opportunity Act*” or the “*GEO Act*”;
- **H.R. 7375 (Rep. Hageman)**, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve the assessment of expression of interest fees, and for other purposes;
- **H.R. 7377 (Rep. Hunt)**, “*Royalty Resiliency Act*”;
- **H.R. 7409 (Rep. Kim of CA)**, “*Harnessing Energy At Thermal Sources Act*” or the “*HEATS Act*”; and
- **H.R. 7422 (Rep. Ocasio-Cortez)**, “*Geothermal Cost-Recovery Authority Act of 2024*”.

Your testimony on H.R. 6482, H.R. 7370, H.R. 7409, and H.R. 7422 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 March 25, 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. Fulcher** for Dr. Bryant Jones, Executive Director Geothermal Rising

1. From your geothermal research and expertise, do you foresee the streamlining process contributing to the growth of the geothermal industry? Could you expand on the importance?
2. Shifting to energy security, you mentioned in your written testimony, that the United States is well-positioned to be a hub for technological development and deployment of geothermal energy. Could you provide more insights into how the U.S. can leverage its capabilities to become a global leader in geothermal technology?