

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

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Mr. Joe Uehlein  
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Dear Mr. Uehlein,

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. 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. Huffman** for [Mr. Joe Uehlein, Founding President, Labor Network  
for Sustainability]

1. While it is critical that the U.S. ramps down fossil fuel production and reliance and scales up clean energy deployment, we must still do so responsibly. Over the last year, the National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA, has been consistently under threat. That is something we cannot support, even when it’s for renewable energy. Why is it important to you and the Labor Network for Sustainability more broadly that we maintain justice and equity in all our transition policies?