

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

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Ms. Cheryl Lombard
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Dear Ms. Lombard:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at a legislative hearing on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, on the following bills:

- **H.R. 7662 (Rep. Houlihan)**, "*Critical Minerals Security Act of 2024*";
- **H.R. 7807 (Rep. Obernolte)**, "*Intergovernmental Critical Minerals Task Force Act*";
- **H.R. 8952 (Rep. Zinke)**, "*Crow Revenue Act*"; and
- **H.R. 10005 (Rep. Hageman)**, "*Expedited Appeals Review Act*" or the "*EARA*".

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 Jacob Greenberg, Clerk, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, at Jacob.Greenberg@mail.house.gov by December 9, 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. Westerman for Ms. Cheryl Lombard, Senior Program Director –
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1. Ms. Lombard, last Thursday, the House passed H.R. 8446, the Critical Minerals Consistency Act, with overwhelming bipartisan support. H.R. 8446 adds the Department of Energy's definition of "critical material" to the Department of the Interior's definition of "critical mineral." Ms. Lombard, how do you think including "critical materials" to H.R. 7807 as well would aid this newly established Task Force in its efforts to offer solutions that diminish American dependence on adversarial nations for our mineral security?
2. Ms. Lombard, Section 3 of H.R. 7807 requires the task force Chair to appoint representatives "with expertise in critical mineral supply chains" from at least 20 different Federal agencies. Why is it so important for the Task Force to collaborate across so many different jurisdictions?