

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
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Dr. Colin Williams
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Dear Dr. Williams:

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 issues 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 Dr. Collin Williams, Program Coordinator, Mineral Resources Program, United States Geological Survey

1. Dr. Williams, Section 4 of the Critical Minerals Security Act of 2024 directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to establish a process under which "a United States person seeking to divest in stock from stock in mining or mineral processing operations for critical minerals and rare earth elements in a foreign country may notify the Secretary of the intention of the person to divest such stock," and that the Secretary may then "provide assistance to the person to find a purchaser that is not under the control of the government of a covered nation." Are you aware of any other examples of the Department of the Interior finding buyers for private citizens looking to divest stock?