

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

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Mr. Chett Chiasson  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Chiasson,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at an oversight hearing titled, *"Restoring Energy Dominance: The Path to Unleashing American Offshore Energy"* on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

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](mailto:Jacob.Greenberg@mail.house.gov) by March 3, 2025. 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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*“Restoring Energy Dominance: The Path to Unleashing American Offshore Energy”*

**Questions from Rep. Higgins** for Mr. Chet Chiasson, Executive Director, Greater Lafourche Port Commission

1. Port Fourchon is the primary service hub for Gulf of Mexico energy production. Would lifting the GOMESA revenue-sharing cap provide significant benefits to Louisiana’s coastal parishes by supporting hurricane protection, coastal restoration, and flood mitigation efforts? Given Louisiana’s critical role in offshore energy production, how important is this funding for sustaining our coastal communities and the infrastructure that supports the industry?
2. The 2020 Biological Opinion governing federally regulated oil and gas activities in the Gulf of Mexico is set to be vacated in May, and any replacement biological opinion is almost certain to face immediate litigation. Given that every permit issued for Gulf operations relies on an active and legally sufficient Biological Opinion, should Congress consider reforms to the Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act—including judicial review limitations—to prevent repeated legal challenges from creating an indefinite permitting freeze that discourages investment, threatens domestic energy production, and undermines the livelihoods of Gulf Coast workers?

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**Questions from Rep. Huffman** for Mr. Chet Chiasson, Executive Director for Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

1. Is it a part of your business plan to drill or support drilling operations in areas of the Outer Continental Shelf beyond areas where leasing and drilling currently take place? If so, to which states and/or regions do you intend to expand business?