

**Committee on Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
1324 Longworth House Office Building
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2:00 p.m.**

Oversight Hearing on
Chronic Wasting Disease: The Threats to Wildlife, Public Lands, Hunting, and Health

Questions from Rep. Mike Johnson for Mr. Carter Smith, Executive Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

1. Many members of Congress have long been troubled by the stove-piping of Chronic Wasting Disease research and resources in the federal government. My good friend Ralph Abraham introduced H.R. 6272 last Congress and a similar bill, H.R. 837, in this 116th Congress, to bring together all the great minds involved in CWD research, both in and out of Government, and task them with finding answers to how CWD infects animals, and how CWD spreads amongst animals. These bills strive to provide a foundation upon which effective policy can be build which will stop the spread, and one day eradicate Chronic Wasting Disease.
 - a. Do you believe that greater collaboration within the federal government and the scientific community is necessary to build effective policy to stop the spread and one day eradicate CWD?