

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

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The Honorable Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Lubchenco,

Thank you for testifying before the Committee on Natural Resources at our November 17th legislative hearing entitled "*Ocean Climate Action: Solutions To The Climate Crisis*," which covered H.R. 8632, the Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act, and H.R. 3548, H.R. 3919, H.R. 4093, H.R. 5390, H.R.5589, H.R.7387, H.R. 8253, H.R.8627. As a follow-up to your testimony, please find the enclosed additional questions submitted by members of the Committee for inclusion in the final hearing record. Please provide your written responses to: Casey MacLean, Policy Aide, **no later than December 3rd, 2020**. Committee Rule 3(o) requires responses within 10 business days of the last day of the hearing (we are allowing an extra day due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

We greatly appreciate your time and insight, and we remain grateful for your contribution to the Committee's work. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. MacLean at (202) 875-0126 or casey.macleam@mail.house.gov about this request.

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva
Chair
Committee on Natural Resources

Enclosure

Questions for the Record from Democrat Members

Question from Rep. Velázquez

1. Dr. Lubchenco, in 2012 Superstorm Sandy tore through New York City and research shows that sea level rise played a major role in driving Sandy's surge, resulting in severe flooding in the region. Consequentially, New York City experienced an estimated \$19 billion in damages and lost economic activity. To better prepare coastal communities from future catastrophes, I've introduced the National Sea Level Risk Analysis Act, which is included in H.R. 8632. Can you explain how a National Coastal Data Information System will better protect and prepare businesses, governments, and citizens from current and future flooding risks?

Questions from Rep. Cox

1. Like many of my colleagues, I come from a landlocked district – but that doesn't mean that we don't all benefit from ocean-based climate solutions. The High Level Panel for the Sustainable Economy's [report](#) on the Ocean as a Solution for Climate Change finds full implementation of ocean-based climate solutions could deliver one-fifth (up to 21 percent) of the annual greenhouse gas emissions cuts the world needs by 2050 to keep global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius, which the IPCC says we must strive to do. **How does the Chairman's bill address their findings? Are there any areas we need to improve or expand upon?**

Questions for the Record from Republican Members

Questions from Rep. Bishop

1. During the hearing you seemed to agree that state management of fisheries in state waters should not be pre-empted by a federal regime. Could you please confirm that position in writing?