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Mr. David Howell
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Dear Mr. Howell:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, to testify at the hearing entitled “Examining Ways to Enhance Our Domestic Critical Mineral Supply Chains.”

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Monday, July 14, 2025. Your responses should be mailed to Calvin Huggins Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to Calvin.Huggins1@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Palmer", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Gary Palmer
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Yvette Clarke, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Lori Trahan (D-MA)

1. Mr. Howell, in your written testimony you mentioned the importance of the DOE's Loan Programs Office and Battery Materials Processing and Battery Manufacturing and Recycling Program as key in a comprehensive strategy to promote domestic battery manufacturing. How do these two programs work to support a resilient domestic battery manufacturing industry?
2. Mr. Howell, you have experience on both sides of public-private partnerships, and in your testimony, you spoke to the level of trust the private sector must have in the government to participate in the programs. What effect will the gutting of key programs like the Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains have for the budding domestic battery manufacturing industry?

The Honorable Kathy Castor (D-FL)

1. What do you think the Department of Energy can do to implement price support tools for critical minerals with its existing authority and funding?
2. What else can the Energy & Commerce Committee do to ensure policies are carefully calibrated for specific minerals?
3. What safeguards are necessary to ensure we're not supporting projects, especially unviable ones, indefinitely?