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Dear Dr. Beach:

Thank you again for testifying before the Education and Workforce Committee hearing on "Unleashing America's Workforce and Strengthening Our Economy." Enclosed is an additional question following the hearing. Please provide a written response no later than April 7, 2025, for inclusion in the hearing record. The response should be sent to Katerina Kerska of the Committee staff who can be contacted at (202) 226-9435.

We appreciate your contribution to the work of the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Walberg".

Tim Walberg
Chairman

Enclosure

Question for the Record for William Beach

**Full Committee Hearing: “Unleashing America’s Workforce and
Strengthening Our Economy”**

February 26, 2025

10:15 a.m.

Chairman Tim Walberg (R-MI)

In 2017, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) published its Contingent Worker Supplement (CWS) which found that the number of workers in alternative work arrangements dropped from 2005 to 2017. These results were criticized because the survey only asked about workers whose main job was in an alternative work arrangement, even though most other data sources show that many individuals working as independent workers do so as a secondary job. What steps can BLS take in future surveys to ensure it has a more accurate understanding of individuals working as independent contractors?