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Dear Ms. Offutt:

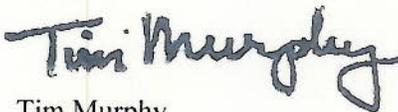
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "Cyber Espionage and the Theft of U.S. Intellectual Property and Technology."

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 the close of business on Thursday, August 8, 2013. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at brittany.havens@mail.house.gov and mailed to Brittany Havens, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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

Sincerely,



Tim Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Tim Murphy

1. In your testimony you mention counterfeiting risks may lead to reductions in investment in R&D. Can you sight some recent examples?
2. It seems that neither government nor industry is able to solidly assess what the size and scope of the problem is. In your testimony, you state that “one of the key problems is that data have not been systemically collected and evaluated.” How can this be improved? Is it possible to move forward with somewhat accurate data of incidents that allows for a basic understanding of the situation?
3. In your testimony, you highlight the importance of accurate data regarding the extent and value of counterfeit trade. You also highlight industry’s frequent unwillingness to disclose such data. What privacy standards are necessary to improve disclosure by these entities?
4. How can the United States encourage China to adopt stricter policies on the protection of intellectual property (i.e. patent rights, copyright infringement, trademark violations)?