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July 9, 2019

The Honorable William K. Reilly
1791 Green Street
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Dear Mr. Reilly:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at the hearing entitled "Critical Mission: Former Administrators Address the Direction of the EPA." We appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

Pursuant to Rule 3 of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, members are permitted to submit additional questions to the witnesses for their responses, which will be included in the hearing record. Attached are questions directed to you from members of the Committee. In preparing your answers to these questions, please address your responses to the member who has submitted the questions using the Word document provided with this letter.

To facilitate the publication of the hearing record, please submit your responses to these questions by no later than the close of business on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. As previously noted, this transmittal letter and your responses, as well as the responses from the other witnesses appearing at the hearing, will all be included in the hearing record. Your responses should be transmitted by e-mail in the Word document provided with this letter to Jourdan Lewis with the Committee staff (jourdan.lewis@mail.house.gov). A paper copy of your responses is not required. Using the Word document provided for submitting your responses will also help maintain the proper format for incorporating your answers into the hearing record.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Jourdan Lewis at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



Frank Pallone, Jr.
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Attachment

cc: The Honorable Greg Walden
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The Honorable Diana DeGette
Chair
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Ranking Member
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**Committee on Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**

**Hearing on
“Critical Mission: Former Administrators Address the Direction of the EPA”**

June 11, 2019

The Honorable William K. Reilly

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess, M.D.

1. In recent years, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has garnered significant mistrust in public opinion. For instance, when EPA officials state that companies and communities must be “crucified” to make an example of them or when the EPA avoids accountability for their own mistakes, such as when the agency released 3 million gallons of waste from the Gold King Mine into the Animas River watershed. These are just two examples of how the EPA has eroded the trust of the American public, especially those in rural communities.
 - a. As EPA Administrator, how did you work to garner public trust in your institution?
 - b. Why should the public trust the EPA when no one is held accountable?
 - c. How should the EPA work to rebuild trust amongst all communities in the United States?