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LTG H.R. McMaster, U.S. Army, retired
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Dear Gen. McMaster:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at the hearing entitled “Gouged at the Gas Station: Big Oil and America’s Pain at the Pump.” I appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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 a member of the Committee. In preparing your answers to these questions, please address your response to the member who has submitted the questions in the space provided.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please submit your responses to these questions no later than the close of business on Friday, May 27, 2022. 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 written responses should be transmitted by e-mail in the Word document provided to Austin Flack, Junior Professional Staff, at Austin.Flack@mail.house.gov. To help in maintaining the proper format for hearing records, please use the document provided to complete your responses.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Austin Flack with the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Pallone, Jr." in a cursive style.

Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Diana DeGette
Chair
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

The Honorable H. Morgan Griffith
Ranking Member
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Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

**Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Hearing on
“Gouged at the Gas Station: Big Oil and America’s Pain at the Pump”
April 6, 2022**

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The Honorable Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX)

1. General McMaster, President Biden has recently announced an agreement with Europe committing the U.S. liquefied natural gas industry to supply an additional 15 billion cubic tons (bct) of LNG through the remainder of 2022.
 - a. How is the U.S. going to fulfill this commitment when this administration disincentivizes increased domestic production of oil and gas?

It will prove difficult and maybe impossible to meet the potential for relatively clean U.S. oil and gas exports unless the bias shifts in favor of reducing unnecessary regulations, expediting permitting and incentivizing rather than cancelling infrastructure projects necessary to meet those goals.

2. General McMaster, the Biden administration also announced the largest release from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in history, 1 million additional barrels per day for the next six months, a total of over 180 million barrels.
 - a. Why did we not fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in the beginning of 2020 when the price of oil was at the lowest we have seen in recent memory?

There is no good reason. It was a missed opportunity.