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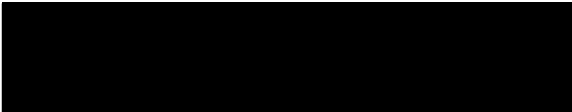
Dear Chairman Upton:

Attached you will find my answers to the questions that I was asked for the official record of the subcommittee hearing on "Modernizing Energy and Electricity Delivery Systems: Challenges and Opportunities to Promote Infrastructure Improvement and Expansion," on February 15, 2017.

I want to thank you again for the opportunity to testify at this hearing. The friendship and support you have given to our organization and our membership is greatly appreciated.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
TERRY O'SULLIVAN  
General President

  
Attachment

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## Answers to the Questions for the Record

### The Honorable Tim Walberg

1. What steps should we be taking to enable greater investment and buildout of energy infrastructure?
  - a. Streamlining the environmental review and permitting process in order to create a clear and final decision on infrastructure projects would help project developers and workers have more certainty about when a project would move from proposal to actual commencement of work. A more rational approach to the approval of energy infrastructure projects would create more jobs and grow the U.S. Economy.
2. Could you comment on how energy infrastructure, particularly natural gas pipeline development, will support your organization's goals?
  - a. Currently there are 20 unionized pipeline projects spanning 20 states that are either under construction, about to begin construction, or awaiting approval. If they are all constructed, we expect that these projects will employ tens of thousands of highly trained, safe, skilled union tradespeople, including approximately 13,000 LIUNA members. These state-of-the-art pipelines are safer, more environmentally sound, and emit fewer greenhouse gases than any other method of transporting energy resources.

Additionally, the wages and compensation packages that our members receive while working on these projects underpin not only their ability to keep a roof over their families' heads and food on the table, but they also provide for private health care coverage and the ability of members to earn credits toward a defined benefit pension plan. Also, because of the collective bargaining agreements we have in place, our contractors and members are able to invest in skills training that assures that the workers who build these projects are the very best in their profession and that projects are completed safely and efficiently.