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Mr. Stephen Thomas  
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

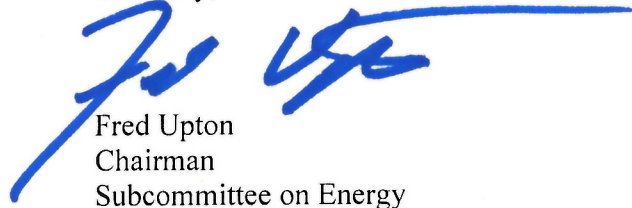
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "Powering America: Reevaluating PURPA's Objectives and its Effects on Today's Consumers."

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 with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Monday, November 6, 2017. Your responses should be mailed to Allie Bury, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Allie.Bury@mail.house.gov](mailto:Allie.Bury@mail.house.gov).

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

Sincerely,



Fred Upton  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy

cc: The Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy

Attachment

## Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

### The Honorable Fred Upton

1. State policies are driving growth in renewable generation. Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), tax credits, competitive procurement requirements, and net metering programs are just a few of them.
  - a. In light of these more recent pro-renewable policies and mandates (since 1978), do we still need PURPA to drive renewable development?
2. If we set aside PURPA for a moment, do you believe that state policies (*including integrated resource planning (IRP), competitive procurement requirements, net metering, and renewable portfolio standards*) are stable enough to provide a reliable investment climate for renewable generation?
3. In your testimony, you make clear that industrial QFs are different than intermittent QFs and that those QFs should be curtailed before your manufacturing processes are impacted. What would be your proposal to address this issue?
4. If PURPA was no longer in effect, how do you think it would affect consumer electricity rates and the future development of renewable energy, cogeneration facilities, and waste-to-energy facilities?