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Mr. James Simpson
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Dear Mr. Simpson:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on February 27, 2019, at the hearing entitled “Clean Energy Infrastructure and the Workforce to Build It.” We appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Subcommittee.

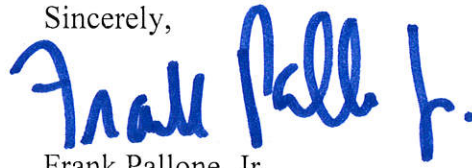
Pursuant to Rule 3 of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, members are permitted to submit additional questions to the witnesses for their responses, which will be included in the hearing record. Attached are questions directed to you from members of the Committee. In preparing your answers to these 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 Wednesday, April 24, 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 written responses should be transmitted by e-mail in the Word document provided with this letter to Adam Fischer (adam.fischer@mail.house.gov). You do not need to send a paper copy of your responses to the Committee. 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 Adam Fischer with the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



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Subcommittee on Energy
Hearing on
“Clean Energy Infrastructure and the Workforce to Build It”
February 27, 2019

Mr. James Simpson, Manager, Military Talent Acquisition’ Pike Enterprises, LLC

The Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy, III (D-MA)

1. The transition to a green economy presents the U.S. with incredible workforce opportunity but also, of course, workforce disruption.
 - a. How should Congress be proactively thinking about support for workers, families, and communities that have depended on the fossil fuel industry for jobs and economic development for generations?
 - b. How do we ensure a ‘just transition’ for those communities and workers as well?

The Honorable Richard Hudson (R-NC)

1. Mr. Simpson, first off I want to thank you for your 25 years of service to this great country. It is because of men and women such as yourself we are able to be here today. You should be proud of the work that Pike is doing. It is a great service to our nation to take care of our veterans, who sacrificed so much for all of us. As you know, I have Fort Bragg in my district, the epicenter of the universe. With the largest military installation in the world in my backyard, I look for every opportunity to support our men and women in uniform both during and after their service. With that in mind, in your testimony you stated “we are seeing growth of about 14% in the industry resulting in a need of several thousand new employees annually for the foreseeable future to keep up with demand.”
 - a. With the growth you are facing and Pike’s hire veteran’s initiatives, what are some of the barriers you are facing on the front lines to find potential veterans hires and train them for the workforce?
2. Mr. Simpson, in regards to the legislation we are discussing today, I believe it is critical we examine the existing job training programs the federal government offers. As you know, this legislation authorizes hundreds of millions of dollars to create new job training programs, when we already have so many spread across the federal government.
 - a. What are your thoughts on this? Shouldn’t we figure out what’s working and then see if we can make improvements?