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June 12, 2019

Mr. W. William Russell  
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Dear Acting Director Russell:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at the hearing entitled, "The State of Pipeline Safety and Security in America." We appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Subcommittee.

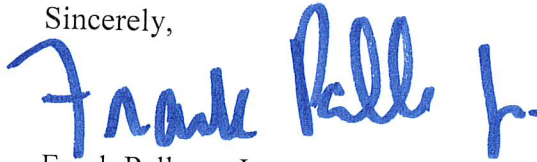
Pursuant to Rule 3 of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, members are permitted to submit additional questions to the witnesses for their responses, which will be included in the hearing record. Attached is a question directed to you from one of the members of the Committee. In preparing your answer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

To facilitate the publication of the hearing record, please submit your response to this question no later than the close of business on Thursday, June 27, 2019. As previously noted, this transmittal letter and your response, as well as the responses from the other witnesses appearing at the hearing, will all be included in the hearing record. Your written response should be transmitted by email in the Word document provided with this letter to Omar Guzman-Toro, Policy Analyst with the Committee, at [Omar@mail.house.gov](mailto:Omar@mail.house.gov). You do not need to send a paper copy of your response to the Committee. Using the Word document provided for submitting your response will also help maintain the proper format for incorporating your answer 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 have your staff contact Mr. Guzman-Toro at (202) 226-9398.

Sincerely,



Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Chairman

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Greg Walden  
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The Honorable Bobby L. Rush  
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**Subcommittee on Energy**  
**Hearing on**  
**“The State of Pipeline Safety and Security in America”**  
**May 1, 2019**

**Acting Administrator W. William Russell**  
**Government Accountability Office**

**The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)**

1. As you know, TSA’s pipeline security program is voluntary. TSA conducts interviews with operators, known as “Corporate Security Reviews,” but TSA doesn’t track this information or use it to measure risk.
  - a. Are you concerned about the way these “corporate security reviews” are being conducted, and do you have any recommendations for TSA?