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Ms. Chandra Farley
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Dear Ms. Farley:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. (EDT), at the hearing entitled “Generating Equity: Deploying a Just and Clean Energy Future.” 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 is a question 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 question 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, July 16, 2021. 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 responses should be transmitted by e-mail in the Word document provided to Lino Pena-Martinez, Policy Analyst, at lino.pena-martinez@mail.house.gov. To help in maintaining the proper format for hearing records, please use the document provided to complete your responses.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Lino Pena-Martinez 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
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Bobby L. Rush
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy

The Honorable Fred Upton
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

**Subcommittee on Energy
Hearing on
“Generating Equity: Deploying a Just and Clean Energy Future”
Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

Chandra Farley, Just Energy Director, Partnership for Southern Equity

The Honorable Kathy Castor (D-FL)

1. Ms. Farley, how can we ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the clean energy economy?

RESPONSE:

Thank you for this question Rep. Castor. We can ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the clean energy economy by including the people who have been and are still currently being left behind by the clean energy transition.

We know, with data informed clarity, that societal barriers have hampered the opportunity for Black communities, communities of color, rural and low-wealth communities to lend their perspective to the shaping of their clean energy future and to fully benefit from rapidly expanding clean energy markets. We can overcome these barriers by co-creating an equity agenda with marginalized groups that accounts for differences in opportunities and burdens, as well as needs. This intentional process of inclusion in the full spectrum of decision-making that drives the clean energy economy facilitates the proposal and pursuit of just and equitable solutions.

Utilizing equity as lens advances many opportunities for everyone to participate in and benefit from the clean energy economy. Through community organizing, leadership development for residents in disinvested communities, coalition building to bring uncommon allies together to create solutions and leveraging data and research on equal footing with the lived experience of those currently being left behind, we can achieve a fully inclusive clean energy economy.

An equitable society is one in which all can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential. So then, national energy policy must also create the conditions, and remove barriers, that ensure Black communities, communities of color, rural and low-wealth communities can benefit from the increased economic development, improved health outcomes and environmental justice that can flow from a just transition to a distributed, democratic, and clean energy economy ecosystem.