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The Honorable Jeff Duncan, Chair  
Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

March 13, 2024

Dear Chair Duncan,

Thank you for the honor of including my testimony at the January 18, 2024 hearing on “Fueling America’s Economy: Legislation to Improve Safety and Expand U.S. Pipeline Infrastructure”. Please find attached my answer to the Honorable H. Morgan Griffith’s additional question for the record.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share the voice of the Pipeline Safety Trust and please do not hesitate to ask for any additional assistance I or my organization may be able to offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Caram".

Bill Caram  
Executive Director  
Pipeline Safety Trust

cc: Rep. Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security

Attachment

## Attachment – Response to Additional Question for the Record

### **Question from the Honorable H. Morgan Griffith to Bill Caram, Executive Director, Pipeline Safety Trust:**

- 1. To clarify, in your written testimony, you mention the inclusion of so-called “high consequence areas” on pipeline maps, do first responders or emergency managers in counties or cities currently not have access to these types of maps?*

In my written testimony, I asked Congress to mandate that PHMSA make available to the public certain information about pipelines on the public viewer of the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS), including which areas are designated “high consequence areas”. Beyond the public viewer, federal, tribal, state, or local government employees, including emergency responders, are permitted to request access to the Pipeline Information Management Mapping Application (PIMMA) through the NPMS website which has more information than the public viewer.

As a member of the public, I don’t have access to PIMMA so I can’t completely answer your astute question. According to published PHMSA information, found [here](#), PIMMA contains “certain high consequence areas for liquid pipelines”. It would appear that PIMMA offers potentially incomplete information about high consequence to certain government employees, including first responders and emergency managers.