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Mr. Andrew J. Black
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Dear Mr. Black:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, to testify at the hearing entitled “Strengthening American Energy: A Review of Pipeline Safety Policy.”

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 Thursday, September 25, 2025. Your responses should be mailed to Calvin Huggins Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to Calvin.Huggins1@mail.house.gov.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert E. Latta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Latta" clearly legible, and "E." in the middle.

Robert E. Latta
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy

cc: Kathy Castor, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Robert Latta (R-OH)

1. The PIPES Act of 2020 recognized the value of using new technologies to bolster both efficiency and safety. However, PHMSA's implementation of the program had many non-statutory requirements that ultimately deterred participation. At his confirmation hearing before Senate Commerce, PHMSA nominee Roberti committed to examining non-statutory hurdles to technology programs, but what guardrails should this Committee consider when authorizing such programs?

The Honorable Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX)

1. In your testimony, you mentioned the need to reauthorize the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) technology demonstration pilot program. I have heard concerns from operators that the program's implementation has prevented its use to get these new pilot technologies into the field.
 - a. What actions can PHMSA take to maximize the program's effectiveness and ensure that new pilot technologies have a viable testbed?
 - b. As the Energy and Commerce Committee works on a PHMSA reauthorization bill, what provisions would help ensure the program's success?