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Mr. Jim Steffes  
Senior Vice President, Regulatory, Policy & Advocacy  
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Dear Mr. Steffes:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, to testify at the hearing entitled “Building the American Dream: Examining Affordability, Choice, and Security in Appliance and Buildings Policies.”

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 Tuesday, October 21, 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](mailto: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 Randy Weber (R-TX)**

1. How important is it that the International Energy Conservation Code (energy code) be inclusive of natural gas appliances and related infrastructure?
2. Please speak to the critical role that natural gas plays in the states' and the nation's energy portfolio.
3. Why is natural gas so important in maintaining a resilient electrical grid?