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Mr. Michael Ball
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Dear Mr. Ball:


Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, to testify at the hearing entitled “Securing America’s Energy Infrastructure: Addressing Cyber and Physical Threats to the Grid.”

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, March 3, 2026. Your responses should be mailed to Seth Ricketts Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to Seth.Ricketts@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 that reads "Robert E. Latta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a stylized "Latta".

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. Your testimony underscores the importance of collaboration between industry, the government, and our national labs. Smaller utilities can be responsible for critical power infrastructure as consequential as large utilities.
 - a. You reference the CRISP 30 and oil and natural gas programs aimed at smaller utilities, why are these important for assuring power-sector security?
2. What specific risks do Chinese-manufactured inverters—found in solar, battery, and other energy technologies—pose to the security and reliability of the U.S. electric grid?
3. What short-term and long-term strategies should the U.S. government take to mitigate the threat created by having Chinese-manufactured inverters on the electric grid?
4. What collaboration between the private and public sectors is needed to develop countermeasures to protect the U.S. grid against these vulnerabilities?
5. What regulatory measures should be imposed to prevent the proliferation of embedded technologies in inverters to secure critical infrastructure, like the U.S. electric grid?
6. How might ongoing Trump Administration efforts to onshore supply chains and promote domestic manufacturing in the energy sector protect the U.S. electric grid from national security risks?

The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)

1. EISAC receives threat intelligence from multiple sources. What makes ETAC unique? Why do we need a dedicated fusion center at NREL to bridge the gap between classified intelligence and actionable security measures for utilities? And what would the electricity sector lose if ETAC didn't exist?