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Mr. Zach Tudor  
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Dear Mr. Tudor:

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](mailto: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 distinct "Latta" at the end.

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. What is the Idaho National Lab doing to help ensure people are well trained and focused on the most important cybersecurity and physical threat risks?
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. You mentioned that CyTRICS conducts rigorous testing of hardware and software components in the energy supply chain. Given that you've identified China's embedding of hardware vulnerabilities as a major structural risk, how effective are these testing programs at detecting backdoors or vulnerabilities built into Chinese-manufactured equipment? And can these programs scale to address the volume of Chinese components currently in our infrastructure?