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The Honorable Jeffrey S. Merrifield
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Dear Mr. Merrifield:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, to testify at the hearing entitled "Nuclear Permitting Reform: Legislation to Advance Efficient Licensing."

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 20, 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,



Robert E. Latta
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy

cc: Kathy Castor, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Bob Latta (R-OH)

1. When you testified before this Committee three years ago you recommended focusing the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) on new, novel, and safety significant licensing matters.

   Would amendments to the Atomic Energy Act that direct the ACRS to focus on safety-significance increase confidence that NRC is making sound technical decisions?

The Honorable Brett Guthrie (R-KY)

1. How will the legislation considered during this hearing help support national security in the long run?

The Honorable Diana Harshbarger (R-TN)

1. The Nuclear Advisory Committee Reform Act discussion draft enables ACRS to propose to the Commission emerging technical issues for review. Can you explain if this would provide a useful mechanism to preserve efficiency in the licensing and oversight process while also addressing new and risk-significant issues, especially for cases that the Commission may not initially know about?