BRETT GUTHRIE, KENTUCKY
CHAIRMAN

FRANK PALLONE, JR., NEW JERSEY
RANKING MEMBER

ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH CONGRESS

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE
2125 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6115
Majority (202) 225-3641
Minority (202) 225-2927

November 5, 2026

The Honorable Stacey Paradis
Commissioner
Illinois Commerce Commission
160 North LaSalle Street
Suite C-800
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Commissioner Paradis:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, to testify at the hearing entitled "Nuclear Spent Fuel Policy: Examining Nuclear Lifecycle Innovation Campuses."

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 Friday, November 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. What are states bringing to the table to ensure workable programs?

2. You state in your testimony that "NARUC continues to support the concept that beneficiaries of nuclear generated electricity pay for the disposal program, but the fee should not be reinstated until a new Department of Energy fee adequacy study demonstrates the need for reinstatement." Can you explain what progress from DOE would validate restarting the fee?

    a. For the money that is already in the NWF, what can DOE use this money for without changes to the NWPA?

### The Honorable Brett Guthrie (R-KY)

1. Six states have voluntarily stepped up with initial interest to host these campuses. Would you agree this should be encouraged? And what should we do to ensure it results in durable agreements?

    a. What are the roles of Governors and state legislators to ensure success?

2. Would you agree we must be careful about rushing any policies that could undermine our obligations to ratepayers, who have paid into a fund to ensure permanent disposal of fuel?

### The Honorable Rick Allen (R-GA)

1. I understand that under the Standard Contracts the date of discharge of spent nuclear fuel is the first thing that determines the order of acceptance rights of the different utilities holding contracts – is that correct?

2. For the legitimate issues confronted by decommissioned sites, what is the process for enabling a way to expedite fuel off the site?