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Dr. Nicole Lurie  
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Dear Dr. Lurie:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on April 13, 2016, to testify at the hearing entitled "Flint Water Crisis: Impacts and Lessons Learned."

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 May 27, 2016. Your responses should be mailed to Graham Pittman, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [graham.pittman@mail.house.gov](mailto:graham.pittman@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittees.



John Shimkus  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Environment  
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Sincerely,



Joseph R. Pitts  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Health

cc: The Honorable Gene Green, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health  
The Honorable Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

Attachment

## **Attachment — Additional Questions for the Record**

### **The Honorable Michael C. Burgess**

1. With the state having been granted a waiver to expand Medicaid to cover children and pregnant women up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Line, virtually every child in a city with a median income of \$25,000 will be covered. Can the State leverage these federal resources with other available funding sources in tracking diseases and complications that result from lead exposure among covered children?

### **The Honorable Susan Brooks**

1. With regards to the Federal lead and copper rule, based on the letters the U.S. EPA received from commissioners of environmental agencies across the nation, have you seen common trends from states? Do you believe states are adequately complying with the existing rule?
2. What new standards regarding public education and notification do you suggest be incorporated into the updated lead and copper rule?

### **The Honorable Lois Capps**

The CDC and the scientific community have established that no amount of lead in the blood is safe for children. It is estimated that millions of children across our country are exposed to lead through paint in their homes and through lead pipes and plumbing.

1. Is the agency considering any changes to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program?
2. How do you plan to improve surveillance mechanisms to identify in real-time other communities with similar health and environmental risks early on, and prevent another crisis in the future?