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Mr. Heather,

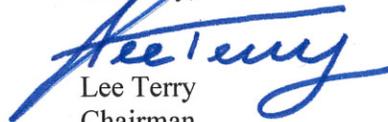
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 to testify at the hearing entitled "Cross Border Data Flows: Could Foreign Protectionism Hurt U.S. Jobs?"

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 by the close of business on Monday, January 5, 2015. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at Kirby.Howard@mail.house.gov and mailed to Kirby Howard, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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

Sincerely,



Lee Terry
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce,
Manufacturing, and Trade

cc: Jan Schakowsky, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade
Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Lee Terry

1. From the Chamber's perspective, what does an effective trade policy for cross-border data transfers look like and how does it support U.S. industry?
2. How do existing restrictions on cross-border data flows impact consumers and end-users?
3. What will policy makers need to consider to maintain U.S. competitiveness and ensure that the benefits of cross-border data flows lead to the creation of more U.S. jobs and domestic investment?
4. There are multiple, ongoing, trade negotiations between the U.S. and major trade partners including the TPP, the U.S.-E.U. Safe Harbor, TTIP, and TiSA. In these negotiations how important is it for the countries engaged to reach agreement on cross-border data flow principles?
 - a. Are there examples in other trade agreements that the U.S. can look to for guidance in this process?
 - b. I understand over 3000 companies rely on the U.S.-E.U. Safe Harbor Framework to transfer data between the trade zones. How important is a functioning Safe Harbor Framework to your members?