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Dear Dr. Herderick,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade on Friday, February 26, 2016, to testify at the hearing entitled "Disrupter Series: 3D Printing."

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 Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Your responses should be mailed to Giulia Giannangeli, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Giulia.Giannangeli@mail.house.gov.

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

Sincerely,



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Manufacturing, and Trade

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

Attachment

Attachment - Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Gregg Harper

1. What kinds of cost savings do you think can be achieved if a manufacturer is able to take full advantage of 3D printing and integrate it as fully as possible into its supply chain? How do you think these cost savings will benefit consumers?

The Honorable Tony Cárdenas

1. 3D printing has spawned an international maker movement. People and businesses are harnessing this technology to engage in creative learning, build functioning prosthetics, engineer human organs, and more. How can we make sure that the policy frameworks that take shape around this technology – in such areas as intellectual property, product liability and free expression – encourage, rather than stifle, the creativity this movement has sparked?
2. 3D printers make valuable tools for innovators. They can be used to build prototypes of novel items at all levels of intricacy. How can we make this technology more available to individuals who have good ideas, but no idea how to bring them into the world for the first time?