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Mr. David Isaacs  
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Dear Mr. Isaacs:

Thank you for providing testimony to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on Friday, July 11, 2013, hearing entitled "Regulation of New Chemicals, Protection of Confidential Business Information, and Innovation."

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 Thursday, August 15, 2013. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at [Nick.Abraham@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nick.Abraham@mail.house.gov) and mailed to Nick Abraham, 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,



John Shimkus  
Chairman

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

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

Attachment

**The Honorable John Shimkus**

1. You spoke in your testimony of the importance to long-term investment decisions by your members.
  - a. Can your members adjust to abrupt swings in the chemical marketplace? Please give examples.
  - b. Should appropriate replacements be available when a chemical is removed from commerce?
2. Your testimony was careful to point out the importance of prioritizing and tailoring the regulatory look to expected uses of the chemical. Why do you consider the exposure part of the risk equation to be so essential?
3. I noticed that you wanted to see more financial resources given to EPA for review of chemicals. Is this because you support more robust reviews or because the timeliness of EPA decisions is crucial to your own ability to innovate?
4. Could you please explain your views on TSCA treatment of articles and the use of existing TSCA authority to deal with any questions about them?