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Dear Mr. Stewart:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on Thursday, October 22, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems: S. 611, the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act."

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 Monday, November 30, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Will Batson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to Will.Batson@mail.house.gov.

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

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable John Shimkus

1. The last time you joined us, you testified about the need for strong training programs for operators, managers, and community leaders.
 - A. Would S. 611 help ensure that essential training elements continue or occur?
 - B. With renewing the technical assistance provisions in section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, can small and rural communities sustain the items this training provides?
2. You have previously mentioned that training should be delivered electronically in order to reach a larger audience for lower costs.
 - A. I do not see anything in S. 611 that would prevent this use. Do you?
 - B. Would you use the funding provided under S. 611 to partner with information technology companies to expand the effective use of this medium?
3. You have said that “[a]pproximately 96% of all health based violations occur at systems serving a population of less than 10,000 while less than a third of the SRF outlays are directed at these same small systems.”
 - A. Do spending requirements or conditions placed on SRF funds prevent smaller and rural communities from maximizing the full benefit of these monies?
 - B. How would the funding made available by S. 611 address this concern?