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Dear Ms. Romig:

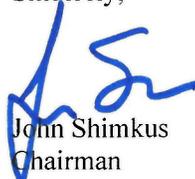
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on Thursday, April 21, 2016, to testify at the hearing entitled "EPA's Brownfields Program: Empowering Cleanup and Encouraging Economic Redevelopment."

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 Will Batson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format 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. Your written testimony identifies several instances where you have helped your clients, who are private shareholders, successfully leverage state or federal brownfields funds to successfully redevelop contaminated properties. How can we incentivize other private investors to sustainably redevelop properties like what you and your clients have been able to get done in Indiana?
2. What are some of the challenges you and your clients face in trying to get sites redeveloped under either the federal or a state brownfields program?
 - A. Is there a feeling among private stakeholders that the brownfields program – because of time and money concerns – is not worth it and it would be easier to just buy clean property or greenfields? And if so, what can we do to address that problem?
3. How does the brownfields program fill in knowledge or information gaps for private developers and how does this help move cleanup and redevelopment efforts forward?

The Honorable Tim Murphy

1. Ms. Romig, you practice law in Indiana where there is a great deal of coal-fired generation and undoubtedly plants may have to be closed as a result of this Administration's regulations. Do you see a need in the future for cleanup and redevelopment of these sites?
2. Your written testimony notes that we may need to look at changes to the Brownfields Program that will reduce transactional costs in terms of time and money. Can you explain why that is necessary and give us some examples of what those changes might look like?