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Mr. Thomas M. Sullivan
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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment entitled "Modernizing Environmental Laws: Challenges and Opportunities for Expanding Infrastructure and Promoting Development and Manufacturing."

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 March 20, 2017. 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,



John Shimkus
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Subcommittee on Environment

cc: Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment
Attachment

Questions for the Record

The Honorable Gregg Harper

1. In your testimony, you discuss how some legislation and regulation have unintended consequences on small businesses.
 - a. Is the U.S. Chamber of Commerce studying how small businesses are dealing with the torrent of mandates emanating from federal agencies here in Washington, DC?
2. Much of your testimony relates to a law passed in 1980, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and how small businesses engage in the regulations developed under other laws like the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA), and others. Today, we are exploring how we should approach updating some of those environmental statutes – or “modernizing” them.
3. Mr. Sullivan, can small businesses be affected by regulatory delays in the permitting of new energy or other major infrastructure projects?

The Honorable Richard Hudson

1. Mr. Sullivan, from your perspective has the Federal government always been transparent about the costs and benefits it calculates for its environmental rules? If not, why is this important?
2. Mr. Sullivan, from your perspective, should environmental regulations take costs into account in more than a perfunctory way? If so, can you give me some examples where you would most like to see it?

The Honorable Bill Johnson

1. Mr. Sullivan, in your view should the EPA’s existing guidance on outreach to small businesses – when it is issuing regulations – be updated? If yes, could you explain?
2. Mr. Sullivan, are there examples under the Clean Air Act where the EPA “got-it-right” when it came to listening to and addressing small business concerns when issuing new regulation? If yes, what are they? Can you compare this to one example where the Agency didn’t “hit-the-mark”?