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Mr. Greg DiLoreto  
President  
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Dear Mr. DiLoreto,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment on March 16, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "Reinvestment and Rehabilitation of Our Nation's Safe Drinking Water Delivery Systems."

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 18, 2017. Your responses should be mailed to Grace Appelbe, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Grace.Appelbe@mail.house.gov](mailto:Grace.Appelbe@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

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

Attachment

## **Questions for the Record**

### **The Honorable John Shimkus**

1. In ASCE's 2013 Infrastructure Report Card on drinking water, it stated that the financial impact of meeting regulatory requirements were a continuing issue for many communities and one that encouraged deferred maintenance-- \$7 billion over 20 years. What was the financial impact of meeting regulatory requirements that ASCE found as part of its 2017 Report Card?
2. In the 2013 Infrastructure Report Card, ASCE recommends higher water rates to reflect the "true cost of water." The ASCE recommendations in its 2017 Report Card are much softer with regard to the need for rate increases, instead placing a heavier reliance on Federal funding. What changed over the last four years?
3. ASCE's 2017 "Failure to Act" document states that not making the investments called for in your report will lower income; a result of an economic restructuring away from the technology/export sectors towards lower paying, less productive services. Have you quantified how much this drop in income and employment would translate to lost revenues in the Federal treasury for drinking water?