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Mr. John Donahue
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Dear Mr. Donahue,

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.

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. Your written testimony mentions concerns about consolidation efforts, including the SRF not encouraging sprawl.
 - a. Can you speak to how this limitation impacts efforts to create better functioning public water systems?
2. What features about the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program makes it attractive as a source of funding?
3. Your testimony dedicates some attention to water affordability, including the criteria issued by EPA.
 - a. Could you explain your concerns further for me?
4. What is the role of asset management in achieving a technically, managerially, and financially strong water utility?
 - a. Does AWWA believe this should be a mandatory requirement for water systems? Why?
5. The EPA is supposed to be coming out with a final update to the lead and copper rule this year.
 - a. Does the pace of the update to the lead and copper rule surprise you at all?
6. Congress provides states an annual allocation of federal tax-exempt private activity bonds that are subject to a volume cap based upon population. In your testimony you state that the volume cap hinders the use of private activity bonds for water and wastewater infrastructure.
 - a. Will you elaborate on how altering or removing the volume cap on tax-exempt private activity bonds would spur investment for drinking water infrastructure?
7. In your testimony, you discuss how the efficiency of State Revolving Fund programs could be improved by streamlining the approval process.
 - a. Do you have specific ideas for how the approval process could be streamlined?