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Dear Mr. Kropelnicki,


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. You mention in your testimony that “If we are to change the status quo, we must offer more “carrots and sticks” in the regulatory toolbox.”
  - a. The Safe Drinking Water Act already has provisions in it related to consolidation of systems. What do you think needs to change and can you give me a practical example of what you mean?
2. How can Congress incentivize innovative solutions to drinking water infrastructure and treatment problems? Can you give some examples?
  - a. How do you quantify and address affordability for the consumer?
3. How hospitable is the private capital market to financing investments in drinking water infrastructure?
  - a. What, if anything, can Congress do to encourage greater receptivity?
4. You make the point in your testimony that in many instances, water system failures are not due to the absence of funding, but rather are attributable to poor management and decision-making.
  - a. From your perspective, what metrics should be used to assess what drinking water problems are caused by a lack of funding and what drinking water problems are caused by poor management?
5. In your testimony, you discuss how partnerships and consolidation can be used to help water systems attain compliance with drinking water standards.
  - a. What barriers are preventing the formation of peer-to-peer partnerships or public-private partnerships?