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Grace Appelbe Legislative Clerk Committee on Energy and Commerce 2125 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ms. Appelbe,

Molly Joseph Ward

Secretary of Natural Resources

In response to your letter of April 20, 2017, please find attached my response to the question for the record that I received from The Honorable Richard Hudson, in follow-up to the testimony that I presented at the April 4, 2017 Subcommittee on Environment hearing entitled "Discussion Draft: Brownfields Reauthorization".

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact me at

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely

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<u>Attachment – Additional Questions for the Record</u>

The Honorable Richard Hudson

1. The regional Council of Governments could apply for a community-wide brownfields assessment grant as mentioned and if this approach works for the communities that may be the better approach to follow. I have been involved in a similar initiative in Virginia which has worked well and provided funding for assessments along with the technical and administrative support that small communities need. Certain States and universities have also applied for the community-wide assessment grants and have been successful in providing similar services to the small, rural, and distressed communities. I believe these same grantees could also provide beneficial services to these communities with multipurpose grants. Brownfields support is available to all grantees, as well as to small rural communities that may not themselves be grantees, through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB). As indicated on the TAB webpage, the Center for Creative Land Recycling is a TAB grantee, and provides technical assistance to the EPA Region 4, which as you are aware includes North Carolina.