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Dear Mr. Lyman,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "H.R. \_\_\_, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2017."

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 with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, June 7, 2017. Your responses should be mailed to Elena Brennan, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Elena.Brennan@mail.house.gov](mailto:Elena.Brennan@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

## Attachment – Additional Questions for the Record

### The Honorable John Shimkus

1. The discussion draft includes the policy known as “linkage” that requires the completion of the Yucca Mountain licensing by the NRC as a means to assure that storage activities do not compete or supplant the requirement for permanent disposal.
  - a. Does Union of Concerned Scientists support “linkage” as a policy mechanism to assure interim storage does not become *de facto* disposal?
  - b. What other approaches to linkage could be considered other than the policies proposed in the discussion draft?