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Dear Mr. Vause:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment on Friday, May 19, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "H.R. __, Drinking Water System Improvement Act and Related Issues of Funding, Management, and Compliance Assistance under the Safe Drinking Water Act."

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 Friday, June 23, 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.

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. Safe Drinking Water Act Section 1433 calls on community water systems to conduct vulnerability assessments of their systems to terrorist attack or other intentional acts designed to disrupt the ability of the water system to provide a safe and reliable supply of drinking water.
 - a. Could you please explain what AWWA G430-14 and ANSI/AWWA J-100 are?
 - b. Are these standards used by AWWA members and what do they cover?
 - c. Are there other, non-mandatory standards that water utilities are using to update their vulnerabilities to various hazards?

The Honorable Paul D. Tonko

1. Systems have a hard time attracting talented and qualified employees. Many young people do not know these career opportunities exist. Meanwhile existing employees are getting closer to retirement. There is a lot of institutional knowledge at stake. Do you have any recommendations on what can be done to develop the water utility workforce?

The Honorable Debbie Dingell

1. Mr. Vause, how can federal infrastructure investment be used to modernize service lines and protect communities from lead and other contaminants?
2. Mr. Vause, does the bill we are considering today provide the funding necessary to make robust investments in our drinking water infrastructure? And what would be the impact nationwide if funding was decreased or cut?
3. Mr. Vause, what else needs to be done to address the risk of lead in drinking water – how important is it to finalize revisions to the Lead and Copper rule?