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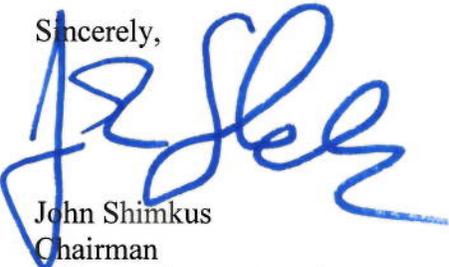
Dear Ms. Germann:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment on September 13, 2018, to testify at the hearing entitled "Air Quality Impacts of Wildfires: Mitigation and Management Strategies."

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. To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Your responses should be mailed to Kelly Collins, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to kelly.collins@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. What is necessary to increase the pace and scale of prescribed burning and other active forest management activities? More specifically what needs to happen at the Federal level vs State and local levels?
2. Can you provide your perspective on whether more coordination among federal and state authorities is needed to make a meaningful difference in reducing the risks of catastrophic wildfires?
3. Should air quality considerations play a greater role in informing decisions related to wildfire suppression and forestry management planning, and if so, how so?