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Mr. J. Christian Bollwage
Mayor of Elizabeth, New Jersey
Chair, U.S. Conference of Mayors Brownfields Task Force
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Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Dear Mr. Bollwage:


Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, to testify at the hearing entitled “Maximizing Opportunities for Redeveloping Brownfields Sites: Assessing the Potential for New American Innovation.”

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 Monday, May 5, 2025. Your responses should be mailed to Calvin Huggins Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to Calvin.Huggins1@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Morgan Griffith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H." being small and the last name "Griffith" being larger and more prominent.

H. Morgan Griffith
Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment

cc: Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Nick Langworthy

It is my understanding that one of the most promising ways to repurpose these brownfield sites is by converting them into data centers. Data centers, which support the backbone of our digital economy, require large spaces and stable infrastructure, making these sites ideal candidates for redevelopment. In NY-23, these data center projects could be located in areas like the Southern Tier that have long struggled to attract new industries.

1. Mayor Bollwage, could you elaborate on the potential for job creation from redeveloping brownfield sites and how these projects can generate lasting employment opportunities in regions that have lost industrial jobs?