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Ms. Lindsey Rehtin
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Dear Ms. Rehtin:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, to testify at the hearing entitled "From Source to Tap: A Hearing to Examine Challenges and Opportunities for Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Drinking Water."

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, October 23, 2026. Your responses should be mailed to Seth Ricketts Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to Seth.Ricketts@mail.house.gov.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Palmer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Palmer
Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment

cc: Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Laurel Lee (R-FL)

1. Large metropolitan systems face both aging infrastructure and growing demand, including from data centers. Florida is currently the third most populous state, and as the region continues to grow, so does the need for new water supply infrastructure. How are utilities balancing reliability with affordability for ratepayers?
 - a. Additionally, how should Congress think about growth pressures when evaluating compliance deadlines and funding allocations?

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ)

1. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) provides critical support to help states and water systems deliver safe, reliable drinking water to communities.

As we consider reauthorization of the SRF, what recommendations do you have for increasing access to funding and assisting communities as they address drinking water challenges?

- a. What specific changes would be beneficial to support disadvantaged communities?
2. The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) is a low-cost financial assistance program that helps communities pay for water infrastructure projects. As Congress considers ways to ensure communities can meet the water infrastructure needs, what changes should we consider to the WIFIA program?
3. How can a permanent, federal water affordability program help water systems provide safe, reliable drinking water to communities they serve?