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Mr. Neil Bradley
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Dear Mr. Bradley,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment on Thursday, September 3, 2026, to testify at the hearing entitled “Reliable Water in the Digital Age: Examining Legislation to Strengthen Drinking Water Systems and Protect Ratepayers.”

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, October 28, 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 Gary Palmer (R-AL)

1. The draft drinking water reauthorization bill would expand the Water Infrastructure Workforce Development Program to support cybersecurity workforce programs for the water sector. Can you discuss the challenges that the water sector faces in attracting and retaining qualified workers, and how this new authority could help?
2. We have heard affordability concerns impacting the water sector. Can you discuss some of the factors that are driving up costs for the water sector, including what role overregulation or uncertainty about PFAS liability may be playing?
3. Please provide your data on how investments in local water infrastructure projects support the creation of domestic manufacturing jobs across the country as discussed and requested during the hearing.

The Honorable Brett Guthrie (R-KY)

1. In your testimony, you discuss how data centers are major infrastructure projects that require community engagement on important questions like water use. Can you elaborate on that point and provide any examples of how data center developers are reducing their environmental impacts, including through the use of AI tools and other new technology?
2. Your testimony states that AI and other advanced technology can improve water efficiency and cybersecurity. Can you describe the role that American companies play in developing these advanced technologies and what this Committee can do to support their leadership in future legislation?