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Ms. Julie Moore, P.E.
Secretary, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, and Vice Chair, Water Committee,
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Dear Ms. Moore,

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 Water Cost Accountability Act would ensure that data centers pay for the costs associated with connecting to public water systems. Would you agree that is commonsense and that it is typical for large water (or energy) customers to be responsible for the costs of adding new infrastructure?

The Honorable Brett Guthrie (R-KY)

1. Can you please follow up with any of your observations at the state level on best practices that are leading to successful data center development?
2. As the head of Vermont's environment and natural resource agency, you are responsible for overseeing the state's implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act. In your testimony, you recommend that Congress ensure EPA better coordinate with states and local communities especially to reduce risks to children. Can you describe how EPA could better coordinate with states to improve the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act?

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

1. How has the inclusion of cybersecurity to the state's sanitary survey helped Vermont to better understand the cyber landscape in the water sector?
2. Has it helped Vermont provide more support to water systems to improve cyber resilience?