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The Honorable Rick Perry
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Perry:

Pursuant to authorities Congress provided in the FAST Act in 2015, the Department of Energy (DOE) is the lead Sector-Specific Agency for cybersecurity for the energy sector.¹ As such, DOE is responsible for coordinating with multiple Federal and State agencies, and collaborating with critical infrastructure owners and operators on activities associated with identifying vulnerabilities and mitigating incidents that may impact the energy sector.

To perform these duties effectively, DOE must account for each interrelated segment of the nation's energy infrastructure, including pipelines, which are subject to an array of other federal authorities. In particular, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has cybersecurity responsibilities relating to pipelines. Pipeline safety and regulatory responsibilities are also exercised by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Considering the multiple authorities and agencies involved, we write today to seek additional information to assess the quality of coordination among various federal entities relating to cybersecurity of the nation's pipeline system.

To assist with our evaluation, we ask that you coordinate with DHS and provide Committee staff the latest federal threat assessments concerning pipeline infrastructure and include a staff briefing on those assessments and audit programs. In addition, please schedule a briefing and provide written responses to the following by February 12, 2018:

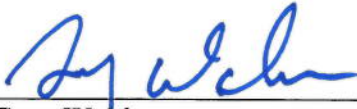
1. Describe the coordination conducted by DOE with DHS, TSA, DOT, FERC, and any other relevant Federal and State agencies as it relates to cybersecurity of pipeline systems.

¹ P.L. 114-94. Section 61003

2. Describe the collaboration conducted with owners and operators of pipeline systems, including the relevant subsector coordinating councils and Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs).
3. Describe and provide memoranda of understanding or other agreements between DOE and other agencies that have been developed to ensure full and adequate coverage of pipeline systems relating to federal critical infrastructure responsibilities.
4. Describe the federal resources, including personnel, applied to pipeline cybersecurity and vulnerability assessments and related programs.
5. Describe the number, design, and scope of federal audits or assessments to identify vulnerability and cybersecurity risks in pipeline systems.
6. Describe DOE's specific activity and programs concerning cybersecurity in pipeline systems.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact Peter Spencer of the Majority Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

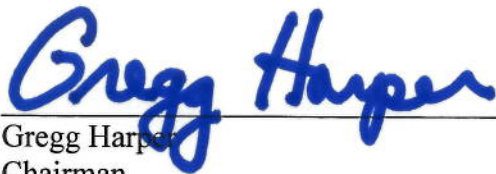
Sincerely,



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Subcommittee on Energy



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and Investigations

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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation

The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen, Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security