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The Honorable Shirley Ann Jackson
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Dear Chairman Jackson:

I am writing to commend you for devoting time during your scheduled August 6 visit to southeastern Connecticut to hold a question and answer session with members of the public from across the region. This action demonstrates your commitment to ensuring residents of my state will have opportunities to directly communicate their views to the Commission and its staff.

I believe it is important to clarify the use of the term "written questions submitted in advance" contained in the Commission's July 23 press release in order to avoid possible confusion and frustration among the public. I believe it must be made clear that "in advance" means attendees will write their questions when they arrive at the meeting and submit them to Mr. Sheridan. I want to stress the public should not be required to submit questions at any time prior to the meeting itself. In addition, it is important to ensure people who arrive after the meeting begins will also have an opportunity to submit questions to the moderator. I believe this interpretation will help to guarantee all meeting attendees will have an equal opportunity to ask questions in an orderly and efficient manner.

I believe implementing these recommendations will help to ensure the meeting is open, productive and well-managed. I thank you in advance for considering my comments.

Sincerely,


SAM GEJDENSON
Member of Congress

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