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Thank you! Please do let us know if anything comes through during the hearing.

Best,  
Danae Hall, AICP (she/her)

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Hi Kara,

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