

November 9, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United State Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Democratic Leader Schumer:

We are writing on behalf of millions of businesses, large and small, to ask you to schedule votes to confirm the pending nominees for senior leadership positions at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Our organizations represent many major sectors of the American economy—including aerospace, agriculture, apparel, automotive, building and construction materials, chemical and raw material production, consumer and industrial goods, distribution, electronics, energy, equipment manufacturers, food and grocery, footwear, healthcare products and medical technology, information technology, mining and metals, paper and wood products, plastics, retail, storage, tire manufacturers, and travel goods.

The mission of the EPA is to protect human health and the environment. However, more than nine months into the new Administration, the EPA lacks Senate-confirmed Deputy and Assistant Administrators to carry out this mission. The EPA's activities have a significant impact on each of our industries, the products we make or the services we provide, and the tens of millions of workers we represent. It is therefore of significant importance to our groups that EPA is appropriately and fully staffed. This holds especially true for individuals in key leadership positions.

To ensure that EPA's vast workload can be efficiently and effectively achieved and implemented, we urge you to move expeditiously towards confirmation for the following nominees:

- Susan Bodine, for EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
- Michael Dourson, for EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
- Matthew Leopold, for EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of General Counsel
- David Ross, for EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
- William Wehrum, for EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation
- Andrew Wheeler, for EPA Deputy Administrator

We appreciate your assistance in this important and timely matter.

Sincerely,

American Chemistry Council  
American Coke and Coal Chemicals  
Institute  
American Composites Manufacturers  
Association  
American Fiber Manufacturers Association  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Foundry Society  
American Fuel & Petrochemical  
Manufacturers  
American Home Furnishings Alliance  
American Iron & Steel Institute  
American Supply Association  
American Wood Council  
Arizona Manufacturers Council  
Associated Industries of Missouri  
Brick Industry Association  
Can Manufacturers Institute  
Colorado Association of Commerce and  
Industry  
Connecticut Business & Industry  
Association  
CropLife America  
Flexible Packaging Association  
Georgia Association of Manufacturers  
Glass Packaging Institute  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics  
Industry  
Industrial Fasteners Institute  
Institute of Makers of Explosives  
International Fragrance Association North  
America  
International Housewares association  
Interstate Natural Gas Association of  
America  
IPC - Association Connecting Electronics  
Industries

Kansas Chamber of Commerce  
Louisiana Association of Business and  
Industry  
MPIF  
MSCI  
National Association of Chemical  
Distributors  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Lime Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Mining Association  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Precast Concrete Association  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
National Wooden Pallet and Container  
Association  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce &  
Industry  
Nevada Manufacturers Assn  
New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC)  
Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers  
Asso.  
Ohio Manufacturers' Association  
Oregon Women In Timber  
Plastics Pipe Institute  
Plumbing Manufacturers International  
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers  
Association  
Portland Cement Association  
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association  
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and  
Affiliates (SOCMA)  
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce  
The Aluminum Association  
The Fertilizer Institute  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association  
Vinyl Institute

cc: U.S. Senate