

February 4, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

We are writing on behalf of millions of businesses, large and small, to ask you to schedule a vote on the pending nomination for Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler to serve in this position permanently 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 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. As Acting Administrator, Andrew Wheeler has consistently provided strong leadership as the agency works to protect human health and the environment.

We urge you to move expeditiously towards confirmation for Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler and appreciate your assistance in this important and timely matter.

Sincerely,

American Chemistry Council  
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Frozen Food Institute  
American Wood Council  
Council of Industrial Boiler Owners  
GPA Midstream Association  
Industrial Minerals Association – North America  
International Liquid Terminals Association  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of REALTORS

National Cotton Council  
National Lime Association  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
Portland Cement Association  
Tile Council of North America  
The Vinyl Institute  
U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association