



**American
Forest & Paper
Association**

Office of the President

May 7, 2020

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., 1101A
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Wheeler:

On behalf of the American Forest & Paper Association, I am writing first to express my appreciation to you for taking the time to talk with our members last Friday about the Smart Sectors program and the importance of our environmental stewardship in partnership with EPA. We appreciate your leadership on many challenges facing our industry, including resolving the regulatory uncertainty around biomass, streamlining the air and water permit processes, and ensuring that regulations do more good than harm.

I also want to take the opportunity to invite you to speak with AF&PA's Board of Directors at its upcoming meeting on Thursday, June 18. Our CEOs and senior executives will be available to talk with you remotely on June 18 between 8am-10am Eastern Time.

AF&PA represents U.S. manufacturers of pulp, paper, packaging, tissue and wood products with fact-based public policy and marketplace advocacy. More than 75 percent of forest products industry facilities are located in predominantly rural counties across America and are often the economic driver for their communities, large and small. The approximately 950,000 family wage jobs represent a \$50 billion annual payroll, making our industry among the top 10 manufacturing sector employers in 45 states. AF&PA member companies make products essential for everyday life from renewable and recyclable resources and are committed to continuous improvement through the industry's sustainability initiative - *Better Practices, Better Planet 2020*.

We will be in touch with your office soon, but please feel free to have your staff contact Christine Amoonarquah at Christine_Amoonarquah@afandpa.org or 301-768-8483 with your availability on the morning of June 18. Thank you for your consideration.

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Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi Brock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heidi Brock
President and Chief Executive Officer