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Ms. M. Frances Eargle
LGAC Designated Federal Officer
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.
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Washington, DC 20460

Re: **Local Government Advisory Committee; Nomination of Jai Templeton (LGAC 2017 Nomination)**

Dear Ms. Eargle,

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) strongly supports the nomination of The Honorable Jai Templeton, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC).

NASDA represents the Commissioners, Secretaries, and Directors of the state departments of agriculture in all fifty states and four U.S. territories. State departments of agriculture are responsible for a wide range of programs including food safety, combating the spread of disease, and fostering the economic vitality of our rural communities. Conservation and environmental protection are also among these primary responsibilities.

Commissioner Templeton serves on the NASDA Board of Directors and is the immediate past president of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture. In his role as commissioner, his former role as a county mayor and as a sixth generation farmer, Commissioner Templeton will bring unique insights on state-federal partnerships to the LGAC. In his capacity as Commissioner of TDA, Commissioner Templeton reviews CAFO permits, administers the Nonpoint Source Program on behalf of EPA, and oversees the administration, implementation and enforcement of pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

NASDA appreciates your consideration of Commissioner Templeton's nomination for the LGAC. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara P. Glenn".

Barbara P. Glenn, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer