

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Senator John Barrasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public
Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Tom Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public
Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I am writing to recommend Andrew Wheeler to be the Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Andrew was nominated for this position by President Trump on October 5, 2017.

Andrew is a native of my home state of Ohio, and has experience in both the legislative and executive branches on energy and environment policy. He began his career at EPA and subsequently worked for Senator James Inhofe and my predecessor former Senator George Voinovich on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Andrew served as the Majority Staff Director, Minority Staff Director and Chief Counsel of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Andrew has continued his work on energy and environment policy as a Principal at Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting. Andrew received his MBA from George Mason University School of Management and his JD from Washington University School of Law, and has been a keynote speaker before the American Bar Association.

I trust that this information will be useful to you as you review Andrew's nomination. Please feel free to follow up with me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman
U.S. Senator