



August 9, 2017

Ms. M. Frances Eargle  
LGAC Designated Federal Officer  
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.  
(MC1301A)  
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 Michael Scuse, Secretary of the Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) 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.

Secretary Scuse is a lifelong farmer and previously served with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as acting U.S. secretary of agriculture, acting deputy secretary of agriculture, and under secretary for farm and foreign agricultural services. Secretary Scuse brings vast knowledge of how state governments and the federal government intersect and work cooperatively. In his role at USDA, he oversaw USDA's Farm Service Agency, which has offices in nearly every county in the country and interacts with farmers and ranchers daily to help improve their economic viability. As secretary of DDA, Secretary Scuse oversees the administration, implementation and enforcement of pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; the state Nutrient Management Program and permitting of CAFOs.

NASDA appreciates your consideration of Secretary Scuse'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