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**Subject:** Meeting Request

Dear Ms. Gunasekara:

We are writing to request a meeting with you and your colleagues to discuss a number of EPA regulations and permit requirements that we have identified as adversely affecting our member's manufacturing operations. On March 31, AF&PA filed comments in response to the Department of Commerce's Request for Information pursuant to the President's January 24 directive, and our comments discuss problems and proposed solutions related to 77 distinct rules and permit issues impeding U.S. manufacturing. Most of the comments focus on EPA issues.

AF&PA President and CEO Donna Harman has requested a meeting with Administrator Pruitt on behalf of several of our CEOs on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and we believe that meeting with you and other key EPA staff in advance of that meeting would enable the Administrator to be well-briefed and ensure the meeting is as productive as possible. As the issues we would like to discuss span a number of EPA offices, we have copied several of your colleagues on this message. We will facilitate your busy schedule, but the dates of April 18-21 look good for us.

Top priority issues we would like to discuss include:

1. Carbon Neutrality of Biomass
2. Air Permit Gridlock
3. Human Health Water Quality Criteria
4. EPA Procurement Guidelines for Paper and Paper Products Containing Recovered Materials/Specifications, Labels and Standards

AF&PA represents U.S. manufacturers of pulp, paper, packaging, tissue and wood products. Our industry employs 900,000 hard working men and women, and our mills often are located in small, rural communities that need good-paying jobs. The U.S. forest products industry is very heavily regulated, but at the same time also must operate efficiently in a fiercely competitive global market.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and to discussing these important issues. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Paul Noe

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