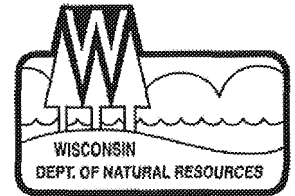


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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
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Administrator Pruitt:

Congratulations on your confirmation as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

As you know, state and federal environmental regulations and programs have matured significantly since major federal environmental laws were adopted decades ago. Under your Administration, this an exciting time that provides us an excellent opportunity to review our regulatory climate to ensure we continue to protect the citizens of this country, while at the same time ensuring our regulatory structure is not unnecessarily burdensome. As co-regulators, we have the ability to examine the roles of the federal government and states in environmental regulation. In order to best serve our citizens, and to make the best use of our resources, we need to work together to define our appropriate roles, and to do our work in the most efficient way possible.

In our dual roles as regulators, EPA sets federal environmental standards and generally delegates authority to the states to implement those standards, subject to EPA oversight. In the states' role as implementers, we are in a unique position to understand some of the challenges associated with implementing federal programs on the ground. These ideas were submitted to EPA in responses to its solicitation of comments regarding President Trump's Executive Order 13777 on Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concepts with you in more detail at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Stepp'.

Cathy Stepp,
Secretary

cc. Ken Wagner, Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs