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**Subject:** Re: A modest request to remove your name from consideration as EPA Assistant Administrator

Such a modest request.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 5, 2017, at 7:40 AM, Wehrum, William L. <wwehrum@hunton.com> wrote:

> FYI

> Begin forwarded message:

> From: "Joshua S. Weitz" <jsweitz@gatech.edu<mailto:jsweitz@gatech.edu>>

> Date: October 4, 2017 at 10:55:15 PM EDT

> To: <wwehrum@hunton.com<mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com>>

> Subject: A modest request to remove your name from consideration as EPA Assistant Administrator

> Dear Mr. Wehrum,

> I am a scientist and Ex. 6 In both of these roles, I am writing to ask you to do the nation a profound service by withdrawing your name from consideration as the nominee for the position of EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation.

> I ask you to do so because the management of air quality is deeply entangled with human health. Our lives literally depend on it.

> If you are unable to critically assess both the easy facts - that the Earth is getting warmer, that the oceans are becoming more acidic, and that we - humans - are the major driver of such changes - then you will also be unable to deal with the many complicated tasks required to identify meaningful ways to maintain critical clean air standards. Of note, CO2 is in air. And too much of it is certainly not a good thing.

> Good policy stems from a reserve of judgment. Good policy is also informed by facts, evidence, and critical thinking. I recognize that as a lawyer you have substantial experience advising clients. Please act as your own best counsel and step away from this position and let someone else take on this role.

> Sincerely,  
> Joshua Weitz

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