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The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I write today in support of Andrew Wheeler to be Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). During my time serving as a legislative staffer to former Senator Wayne Allard I came to know Andrew in his position as Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. In that position, he displayed a strong understanding and respect for the law while also working across the aisle whenever and wherever possible in a professional manner to achieve policy outcomes that benefitted all Americans.

He also took time to develop expertise amongst staffers both on and off the committee, helping build a knowledge base on important policy matters.

I'm confident that Andrew will take that same approach as Deputy Administrator of the EPA, where he will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operation and implementation of policies that are designed to both clean up contamination of the environment and return these areas to their communities to be put to a useful purpose, and protect the environment from further contamination. I also believe Andrew will build important state partnerships to advance mutual goals of bettering the environment.

As you consider this nomination, I believe you will come to a similar opinion of Andrew that I have of him and urge you to support his nomination out of committee.

Sincerely,



Cory Gardner
United States Senator