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**Sent:** 5/25/2017 10:54:21 AM  
**To:** **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** h]  
**Subject:** Re: ECHA

Got it.

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On May 25, 2017, at 6:11 AM, **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** > wrote:

Dear Nancy,  
Your private letterhead is fine – I would pull it out in the interview if there is an appropriate moment, where it is easy to state who you are.  
The next step would be an interview with the three Commissioners involved in the field – another opportunity to use the letter and one where political aspects are even more important.  
Thank you so much for your support.

Best,

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**From:** "Beck, Nancy" <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 6:57 PM  
**To:** **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**  
**Subject:** RE: ECHA

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I checked with our ethics lead—long story short I could do something on personal stationary and mention that I work at a federal agency, but could not say which one. If you were applying to a federal position, then I could use EPA stationary, but would have to clarify that I'm representing my personal opinion. Thus I'm not sure how helpful it will be..

Details below:

The ethics regulations at 5 CFR 2635.702(b) allow the use of letterhead for recommendations in only two situations: (1) you can refer to EPA position/title if you know the person through your federal work, or (2) you are recommending the person to a federal position. So if the person is someone you know from your OMB days, or the person is applying for a position at another federal agency, then you can refer to your EPA position and title. Please note, however, that EPA frowns on use of official letterhead (and official signature block) even if you otherwise meet the exceptions for misuse of position that I just described.

What I advise is this: if you don't otherwise meet the exceptions, then use personal letterhead (your home address) or no letterhead at all. You could say that you now work at a federal

agency, I guess, but not say which one. On the other hand, if you know the person from OMB or the person is applying for another fed position, then you can technically use EPA letterhead (despite our grumbling) but be sure to say that you are expressing your personal opinion (as opposed to the Agency's).

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**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: ECHA

Nancy,  
Thanks for considering!  
I would need it by Wed 31 May to pull it out at the interview on 1 June.

My problem is that I am too closely associated with animal welfare.

Some aspects could be:

- our previous collaborations on EBT, testing strategies and read-across
- stakeholder networking and reputation on both sides of the Atlantic and with all stakeholders
- making testing affordable and human-relevant
- potential for harmonization US - EU
- public health first approach

Best,

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Sent from my iPhone

On May 24, 2017, at 12:17 PM, Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

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This is fantastic news! My fingers and toes are crossed hoping this goes well for you (and thus all of us)!

I would happily do a letter of recommendation assuming there are no legal/ethical issues—eg I'm not sure I can use EPA stationary or provide endorsement. I will find out. What is the timing that you are looking for and if it's a go please let me know some topics it may be best to speak about.

Best,  
Nancy

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**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:48 AM

**To:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** ECHA

**Importance:** High

Dear Nancy,

First of all, congratulations to your career move!

I am writing you, because I might make a similar one: I am among the last few candidates to become head of ECHA.

Next week, I have an assessment center and on 1 June the critical interview.

I am writing you from my private email, because I have shared this with very few people, not to irritate my staff without need.

One of my "selling points" is the International collaboration.

So, I was wondering whether you would be willing to write a letter of recommendation?

I think this could open up for terrific collaboration.

Best,

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