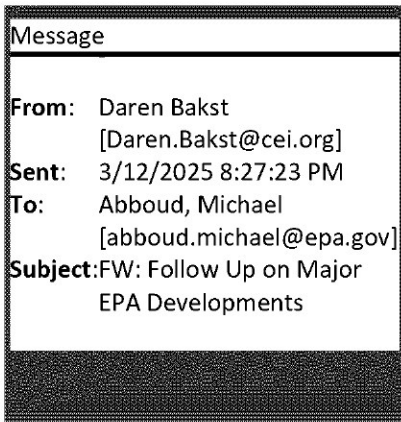




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Michael,

You should have received the emails I sent to Cooler Heads but just making sure you saw the latest. See below.

Please feel free to use my statement for a quote if that would be helpful.

Thanks!

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A follow-up on the big developments at the EPA:

- Here is [a tweet](#) promoting the great stuff today at the EPA (retweets are appreciated)
- Here is [CEI's statement](#) on today's big day at the EPA:

CEI's Director of the Center for Energy and Environment and Senior Fellow [Daren Bakst](#) applauds this major development:

"The Biden EPA ignored the will of Congress, infringed on individual freedom, trampled on property rights, and tried to force the country to use unreliable sources of electricity, such as wind and solar.

"This isn't environmental protection, it is economic and social control. And it needs to end.

"Today, EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin announced a [comprehensive deregulatory agenda](#) to undo numerous Biden-era rules, from the *de facto* EV mandate to the Clean Power Plan 2.0. He also announced that the EPA will be reconsidering the 2009 endangerment finding, which is the basis for the agency's greenhouse gas regulations.

“Americans want and deserve a clean environment. What they don’t deserve is the EPA imposing regulations without regard for costs and tradeoffs, such as the effect its regulations have on driving up costs, hurting reliable energy, limiting mobility, killing off jobs and industries, and disproportionately hurting the poor.

“To properly reform the EPA, in addition to the incredible work of the Trump administration, it will also require Congress to do its part because many of the problems are caused by flaws in the environmental statutes, such as the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.

“That’s why CEI is leading a major effort to reform the EPA.

“I commend Zeldin for his leadership and urge Congress to work with CEI and anyone else who wants to make much needed reforms to the EPA. Environmental protection doesn’t have to mean economic and societal sabotage. By modernizing the EPA, we can have an EPA that appreciates this fact and is truly working for the American people.”

Best,

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