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The Honorable John Thune, Majority Leader
The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer,

On behalf of the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM), we ask that as the Senate works through scheduling cloture votes on the Administration's nominees you prioritize the consideration of Mr. David Fotouhi, Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Aaron Szabo, Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Air and Radiation.

Both men are uniquely qualified for the positions of which they have been nominated. Mr. Fotouhi has extensive experience of the inner workings of the EPA, having previously served as Acting General Counsel and Principal Deputy General Counsel. His expertise in providing legal counsel to the Administrator and overseeing nearly every major environmental statute and office within the EPA further enhances his qualification.

Similarly, Mr. Szabo's over a decade of experience at the White House Council on Environmental Quality, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission have equipped him with the understanding needed to succeed in this role.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Fotouhi's and Mr. Szabo's leadership would bring a fresh perspective to the agency, helping to strengthen the EPA's role in tackling the complex environmental challenges we face. With the President's aggressive agenda and EPA's extensive role in executing on the Administration's priorities the need for both of these nominees to assume their roles is of the utmost importance.

I strongly urge the Senate to advance their nominations swiftly, and we offer our full support for their appointments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chet Thompson", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Chet Thompson
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