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From: beneventod7
Sent: Thur 8/10/2017 3:17:59 PM
Subject: FW: Benevento Letter
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This was just sent to me. I forward for your consideration.
Best,

Doug Benevento



WYOMING MINING ASSOCIATION

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August 7, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Administrator Pruitt:

The Wyoming Mining Association (WMA) is a statewide trade organization that represents and advocates for 27 mining company members. WMA also represents 100 associate member companies, one railroad, one electricity co-op, and 180 individual members. Our mines produce bentonite, coal, trona and uranium. Wyoming is the nation's leader in the production of all these valuable resources, a significant amount of which come from federal land and mineral leases.

It is our understanding that Mr. Doug Benevento has applied for the position of Administrator for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8. WMA believes Mr. Benevento would be an excellent choice for this important role.

Mr. Benevento has a strong track record of success in a number of positions in the public and private sector, a strong leadership style, and remarkable ability to accomplish desired policy outcomes, especially in places where the ideological positions of employees may differ from elected leaders.

The policies of the previous administration have taken a significant toll on America's vital extraction industries in terms of both jobs and economic competitiveness. We believe that Doug Benevento would be an excellent choice to guide a necessary change of direction at EPA Region 8, and would be an excellent addition to your team.

Thank you for your kind consideration, and please feel free to contact us if we can ever be of assistance.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Deti'.

Travis Deti
Executive Director

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