



April 9, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
The United States Senate
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Dear Leaders McConnell and Schumer:

The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) supports the nomination of Andrew Wheeler to be Deputy Administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency and looks forward to the advancement of his nomination to the full Senate for consideration.

Mr. Wheeler's substantial public service experience focused on environmental policy make him an excellent choice to help lead EPA. IPAA has specific experience working with Mr. Wheeler since his Committee on Environment and Public Works subcommittee role with then-Senator George Voinovich and throughout his subsequent full Committee staff roles with Senator James Inhofe. He has a deep understanding of the issues facing EPA from these experiences and his earlier employment at the agency. He has a proven history as a sound and responsible public servant and will bring these attributes back to EPA.

Confirming Mr. Wheeler would set EPA on path towards greater implementation of the "Back-to-Basics Agenda." As such, IPAA urges the Senate to approve this nomination.

Sincerely,

Barry Russell
President & CEO

cc: Members of the U.S. Senate