

Letter to the Senate on the Confirmation of EPA Deputy and Assistant Administrator Nominees

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United State Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Democratic Leader Schumer:

We are writing on behalf of millions of businesses, large and small, to ask you to schedule votes to confirm the pending nominees for senior leadership positions at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Our organizations represent many major sectors of the American economy—including aerospace, agriculture, apparel, automotive, building and construction materials, chemical and raw material production, consumer and industrial goods, distribution, electronics, energy, equipment manufacturers, food and grocery, footwear, healthcare products and medical technology, information technology, mining and metals, paper and wood products, plastics, retail, storage, tire manufacturers, and travel goods.

The mission of the EPA is to protect human health and the environment. However, more than nine months into the new Administration, the EPA lacks Senate-confirmed Deputy and Assistant Administrators to carry out this mission. The EPA's activities have a significant impact on each of our industries, the products we make or the services we provide, and the tens of millions of workers we represent. It is therefore of significant importance to our groups that EPA is appropriately and fully staffed. This holds especially true for individuals in key leadership positions.

To ensure that EPA's vast workload can be efficiently and effectively achieved and implemented, we urge you to move expeditiously towards confirmation for the following nominees:

- Susan Bodine, for EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
- Michael Dourson, for EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
- Matthew Leopold, for EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of General Counsel
- David Ross, for EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
- William Wehrum, for EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation
- Andrew Wheeler, for EPA Deputy Administrator

We appreciate your assistance in this important and timely matter.