February 4, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

We are writing on behalf of millions of businesses, large and small, to ask you to schedule a vote on the pending nomination for Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler to serve in this position permanently 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 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. As Acting Administrator, Andrew Wheeler has consistently provided strong leadership as the agency works to protect human health and the environment.

We urge you to move expeditiously towards confirmation for Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler and appreciate your assistance in this important and timely matter.

Sincerely,

American Chemistry Council
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute
American Forest & Paper Association
American Frozen Food Institute
American Wood Council
Council of Industrial Boiler Owners
GPA Midstream Association
Industrial Minerals Association – North America
International Liquid Terminals Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of REALTORS

National Cotton Council
National Lime Association
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Pork Producers Council
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
Portland Cement Association
Tile Council of North America
The Vinyl Institute
U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association