

January 20, 2020

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper  
Chairman, Committee on Environment & Public  
Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito  
Ranking Member, Committee on Environment &  
Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Moore-Capito:

The undersigned national agricultural organizations wish to extend our support for the nomination of Michael Regan to serve as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

We represent America's farmers, packers, processors and the many sectors that provide goods and services to them. Our members work hard every day to provide food, feed, fuel and fiber to America and the world. In doing so, we create millions of American jobs and support the nation's vital rural economy. Farmers and ranchers are the nation's original environmental stewards, ensuring that natural resources are preserved and protected for future generations. They do this by utilizing long-standing agricultural practices while embracing cutting-edge technologies to increase efficiency, capture carbon and reduce the nation's overall environmental footprint.

As Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Michael Regan has an established record of listening to all stakeholders, including farmers and ranchers. During his tenure, he has worked to find practical, sound solutions to myriad environmental issues in the state, while ensuring science and data guided his decisions. He also understood the impact those decisions would have on rural communities and the families that live and work there.

We believe the same qualities that Secretary Regan has exhibited in his current position will be carried over to his leadership at EPA. We look forward to working with him on the numerous environmental issues facing our nation and fully support his nomination as the next Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Seed Trade Association  
American Soybean Association  
American Sugarbeet Growers Association  
Biotechnology Innovation Organization  
Corn Refiners Association  
Crop Life America  
National Association of State Departments of  
Agriculture  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Corn Growers Association

National Cotton Council  
National Council Farmer Cooperatives  
National Farmers Union  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Sorghum Producers  
National Turkey Federation  
North American Meat Institute  
The Fertilizer Institute  
United Egg Producers  
United Fresh Produce Association  
USA Rice Federation