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Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Chairman
U.S. Senate
Committee on Environment and
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410 Dirksen Senate Ofc. Bldg.
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Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate
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456 Dirksen Senate Ofc. Bldg.
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Re: Confirmation of Joseph Goffman
as Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

I write to the Committee regarding the nomination of Joseph Goffman to serve as Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation (OAR) at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The UMWA has known Joe Goffman for more than 30 years, dating back to the acid rain debates of the 1980s and enactment of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. The Clean Air Act is a key federal statute with direct bearing on the lives and wellbeing of America's coal miners, their families, and communities.

We believe Mr. Goffman is well qualified to serve as AA for OAR, as demonstrated by his previous work for EPA in the Clinton and Obama Administrations, as well as his private sector and academic experience at Harvard's Kennedy School. We recommend that his nomination be confirmed by the Committee and by the full Senate.

I appreciate this opportunity to discuss this nomination and hope that the Committee will take our views into account. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or for further discussion.

Sincerely,

Cecil E. Roberts

cc: Honorable Joe Manchin