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The Honorable Thomas J. Carper, Chairman
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

On behalf of the American Forest & Paper Association, I am writing in support of President Biden's nomination of Joseph Goffman to serve as the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) serves to advance U.S. paper and wood products manufacturers through fact-based public policy and marketplace advocacy. The forest products industry is circular by nature. AF&PA member companies make essential products from renewable and recycle resources, generate renewable bioenergy and are committed to continuous improvement through the industry's sustainability initiative — [*Better Practices, Better Planet 2030: Sustainable Products for a Sustainable Future*](#). The forest products industry accounts for approximately four percent of the total U.S. manufacturing GDP, manufactures nearly \$300 billion in products annually and employs approximately 950,000 people. The industry meets a payroll of approximately \$60 billion annually and is among the top 10 manufacturing sector employers in 45 states.

AF&PA's sustainability initiative — *Better Practices, Better Planet 2030: Sustainable Products for a Sustainable Future* — comprises one of the most extensive quantifiable sets of sustainability goals for a U.S. manufacturing industry. This is the latest example of our members' proactive commitment to the long-term success of our industry, our communities and our environment. We have long been responsible stewards of our planet's resources. AF&PA members met or surpassed most of the goals outlined in our previous sustainability initiative, *Better Practices, Better Planet 2020*, including a 24.1 percent reduction in GHG emissions; 13.3 percent improvement in purchased energy efficiency; 30 percent reduction in workplace injuries; and 12.2 percentage point increase in wood fiber procurement from certified forestlands.

We believe Mr. Goffman is eminently qualified for this important role. In addition to his current service at EPA since the beginning of President Biden's Administration, he had many years of experience at EPA during President Obama's Administration when he served as Associate Assistant Administrator for Climate and Senior Counsel in OAR. There he played a key

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role in developing a range of air emissions regulations. Earlier in his career, Mr. Goffman served as Chief Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, where he focused on key provisions of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, including Title IV, which included an innovative cap-and-trade market mechanism to dramatically reduce acid rain pollution from utilities at a fraction of the cost projected for a command-and-control approach.

Clean Air Act issues are consequential for the U.S. paper and wood products industry and for our country. While we have not always agreed with Mr. Goffman on every issue, we respect his willingness to hear from stakeholders, to understand their perspectives, and to engage in reasoned dialogue based on the evidence.

Based on our knowledge of Mr. Goffman and our experience working with him over the years, we believe his expertise, experience and professionalism make him an ideal candidate for this important position.

Kind Regards,



Heidi Brock
President and Chief Executive Officer