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

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member, Committee on the Environment and Public Works
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Re: Letter of Support for Joe Goffman

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

Everyone should have clean, safe air to breathe. Across America, in urban and rural areas our country has made important progress in cleaning up air pollution thanks to strong clean air laws. Yet too many communities still experience dangerous levels of air pollution, exposing children and other vulnerable populations to harmful health effects. Securing clean air for all people requires constant vigilance and strong leadership. That is why we write on behalf of our millions of members from every state to express strong support for Joe Goffman, the President's nominee to lead the US Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR).

OAR is responsible for administering the Clean Air Act, one of this country's most protective public health laws. OAR leads critical programs to address outdoor and indoor air quality, pollution from vehicles and industrial operations, acid rain, harmful emissions that contribute to climate change, and radiation protection. In short, this office is vital to EPA's mission to protect public health and secure a safe climate for all people of this country. It demands strong leadership that Joe Goffman can provide.

Joe Goffman's nomination is great news for everyone who wants cleaner air and a safer climate. He has dedicated his career to the protection of human health and the environment and understands the urgency of the climate crisis. As assistant administrator of EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, Joe will focus on protecting the health of families and communities, anchor his decisions in law and science, and carry out the President's vision for a stronger and cleaner economy.

His extensive expertise—including as a professional staff member serving the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and at EPA--will mean greater protections for the millions of people across our nation who are harmed by climate and air pollution.

We urge the committee to advance Goffman's nomination as swiftly as possible.

Respectfully,

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Fred Krupp, President, Environmental Defense Fund

Margie Alt, Director, Climate Action Campaign

Katie Huffling, Executive Director, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

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