

July 18, 2022

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on
Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on
Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: *Confirmation of David M. Uhlmann to Serve as EPA Assistant Administrator for
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance*

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Carper,
and Ranking Member Capito:

We write to urge the United States Senate to schedule votes on the confirmation of David M. Uhlmann to serve as Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance at the Environmental Protection Agency before the upcoming August recess.

We served as EPA Administrators in Democratic and Republican administrations with different policy goals. But we share the view that fair and vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws is critical to everything EPA does to provide clean air and safe water for Americans and to ensure that polluters pay for cleaning up hazardous waste sites.

We are concerned about the decline in EPA enforcement that has occurred over the last decade, which leaves vulnerable communities less protected from the harmful effects of pollution and puts law-abiding companies at a competitive disadvantage with companies who flout the law. The failure to confirm an EPA enforcement chief compounds these problems.

President Biden announced his intention to nominate Mr. Uhlmann more than one year ago. No prior nomination for EPA enforcement chief has languished for so long, and nothing about Mr. Uhlmann's background justifies the unprecedented delay in his confirmation. To the contrary, Mr. Uhlmann offers more than 30 years of experience as a Justice Department environmental crimes prosecutor and as a law professor that will help ensure that companies understand their environmental obligations and promote fair and principled enforcement actions against companies that refuse to protect our communities from harmful pollution.

We respectfully request that the United States Senate confirm Mr. Uhlmann as EPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance without further delay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ ***Carol M. Browner***

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