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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
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The Honorable Thomas Carper
Chairman, Committee on the Environment and Public Works
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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member, Committee on the Environment and Public Works
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Re: Confirmation of David M. Uhlmann as EPA Assistant Administrator

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

We write to reiterate our strong support for President Biden's nomination of David M. Uhlmann to serve as the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to respectfully request that the United States Senate vote on his confirmation as soon as possible.

The lack of a confirmed EPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, deep into the second year of the Biden administration, leaves vulnerable communities less protected and undermines the rule of law.

The undersigned are 160 of the country's best known environmental lawyers and fellows of the American College of Environmental Lawyers. The College is a non-partisan association of lawyers considered by their peers to be preeminent in their field. Mr. Uhlmann has been a member of the College since 2012 and currently serves on its Board of Regents.

Members of the College who have signed this letter have served in senior positions in federal and state government, as heads of the environmental practices at many of the country's leading law firms, as scholars at major law

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schools, and as leaders in environmental advocacy groups. In August, 2021, we wrote to express our support of Mr. Uhlmann. We attach that letter here.

Now, more than one year after President Biden first nominated Mr. Uhlmann, we write again to express the need to move forward his confirmation before the August recess. Our prior letter echoes others the Senate has received urging action on Mr. Uhlmann's confirmation, and for many of the same reasons. Those reasons need not be reiterated here, but what does need to be repeated is a sense of urgency. The nation has rarely needed strong and fair enforcement of our environmental laws as much as it does today. Protecting our water, air and land, and confronting climate change, has never been more important.

You have heard from former EPA administrators, senior political appointees at EPA, Mr. Uhlmann's former colleagues in the Justice Department, and former United States Attorneys—all from both Democratic and Republican administrations—as well as environmental groups, academics, and private practitioners that Mr. Uhlmann is extremely well-qualified. The enthusiastic bipartisan support for his nomination underscores the case for his confirmation and the fact that there are no questions about his qualifications or character.

We join with our colleagues throughout the nation in urging the United States Senate to confirm Professor Uhlmann without further delay.

Sincerely,¹



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Chairman

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