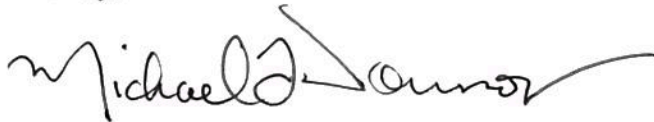


December 13, 2017

Dear President Trump

Today I am asking you to withdraw my name for consideration as the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. My stepping aside avoids unnecessarily politicizing the important environmental protection goals of Administrator Pruitt. I sincerely and deeply appreciate all the love and support by my family, friends and colleagues during this “surprising” confirmation process. I especially look forward to working with each of my colleagues in future collaborative efforts, similar to those in the past with Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment: www.tera.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael L. Dourson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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