

The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and
Public Works
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment and
Public Works
513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

July 31, 2020

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

We write to express our strong support for Honorable Douglas H. Benevento's nomination to serve as Deputy Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and urge your support for his confirmation.

We believe Mr. Benevento's senior leadership at the EPA, serving as Region 8 Administrator, Senior Counselor for Regional Management and State Affairs and later as Associate Deputy Administrator, demonstrates his integrity, experience and managerial expertise. Benevento also has a background working in both the public and private sectors, including Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Xcel Energy and Greenberg Traurig. These experiences uniquely prepare him for this important role. Mr. Benevento's deep qualifications and broad support is also validated by his previous post as EPA Associate Deputy Administrator, which he took up in 2019.

We share Mr. Benevento's commitment to ensuring that our nation creates a cleaner, safer and more prosperous economy. With the right federal policies and a balance between environmental ambition and commercial feasibility, the American economy can meet 21st century environmental challenges through improving sustainability practices, increasing energy efficiency and reducing emissions.

We again respectfully request your support for the confirmation of Mr. Benevento to serve as Deputy Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and look forward to continuing our strong partnership to strengthen American environmental security and drive innovation.

Sincerely,

Alabama Coal Association
Alliance of Wyoming Manufacturers
American Chemistry Council
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Forest and Paper Association
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Supply Association
American Wood Council
AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology

Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated Industries of Florida
Brick Industry Association
Color Pigments Manufacturers Association
Colorado Chamber of Commerce
Colorado Mining Association
Connecticut Business & Industry Association
Household & Commercial Products Association
INDA, The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Indiana Coal Council
Industrial Fasteners Institute
Kansas Chamber
Kentucky Association of Manufacturers
Kentucky Coal Association
Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Metal Powder Industries Federation
Michigan Manufacturers Association
Mississippi Manufacturers Association
Missouri Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers
National Lime Association
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Mining Association
National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Tooling & Machining Association
Nevada Manufacturers Association
New Jersey Business & Industry Association
New Mexico Business Coalition
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers
North Carolina Chamber
Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Association
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association
Resilient Floor Covering Institute
Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute
San Antonio Manufacturers Association
Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates
Steel Tank Institute/Steel Plate Fabricators Association
Texas Association of Manufacturers
The Aluminum Association

The Fertilizer Institute
Valley Industrial Association
Vinyl Institute
Virginia Coal and Energy Alliance
West Virginia Coal Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Wyoming Mining Association