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The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Office of the Administrator
Mail Code 1101A
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 2046

Re: Vote of No Confidence

Dear Administrator Wheeler:

It is a fundamental duty of an employer to provide for the safety of its employees in the workplace. AFGE has used every channel at its disposal to communicate its concerns for worker safety regarding COVID-19 to the Agency. These concerns have been voiced to you in all hands meetings, letters, through members of Congress and the press. AFGE's message has been clear: to keep EPA workers safe, keep them teleworking until a safe and effective vaccine for COVID 19 is available. It is the safest, most efficient, and cost effective means to keep EPA workers, their families and their communities safe while fulfilling the mission of the Agency to protect human health and the environment.

Agency Managements' actions have undermined its credibility and eroded trust. Per the vote of AFGE Council 238 on October 3, 2020, AFGE Council 238 Declares:

- NO CONFIDENCE that worker health and worker health and safety is the top priority of EPA leadership.
- NO CONFIDENCE that EPA leadership can keep EPA workers, building services staff, their families and communities safe as EPA reopens EPA offices before a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is available.

Sincerely,

Gary Morton

President, AFGE Council 238

cc: EPA Regional Administrators and Assistant Administrators

