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Office of the Regional Administrator

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Administrator Andrew Wheeler
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC

Dear Administrator Wheeler,

Thank you for your leadership and for the opportunity to serve the American people through my work at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I have had the honor to serve in two Presidential administrations, and I am committed to doing my part in facilitating a peaceful transition by serving through the end of the current Administration. Therefore, pursuant to the Memorandum for Presidential Appointees regarding Letters of Resignation, I hereby tender my resignation as Associate Deputy Regional Administrator at EPA effective as of noon on January 20, 2021.

While I was honored to serve the American people during this Administration both at EPA and at U.S. Customs and Border Protection, I was horrified and disgusted with the actions of the mob that gathered and stormed our nation's Capitol on January 6, 2021. I worked in that building, as you have, and it was with great sadness that the world had to witness the insurrection by people with no respect for our democracy and our duly elected officials. Their actions were a direct attack on our democracy, and they should be held accountable.

I am also appalled at the actions of many of our leaders following the presidential election. I believe Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were elected through a free and fair election. In our democracy we should honor the wishes of the American people and support a peaceful transition of power from one President to another. Unfortunately, our President has not adhered to that tradition. In fact, he has attempted to subvert our democracy by spreading a false narrative that the election was fraudulent. I believe this false narrative and the President's irresponsible actions lead to the deadly attack on January 6.

It is regretful that our service comes to an end under this cloud of disgrace caused by our President. I believe we were able to implement several policies and regulatory reforms that are greatly benefitting the American people, protecting human health and the environment while allowing for economic prosperity across the country. We have much to be proud as we exit EPA.

Thank you again for your service and leadership. It is an honor to serve the American people, and I always strive to do so with integrity and respect. I hope to again have the honor to serve our great nation.

Sincerely,

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