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Senator Shelley Moore Capito
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Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito,

As former Assistant Administrators for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) we are keenly aware of the importance of that office to the welfare of the citizens of the United States. Its success is critical to protecting the public health and environment as well as the economic well-being of the country. We are also familiar with the characteristics necessary to effectively lead this important office. A commitment to sound science, the rule of law, the importance of stakeholder engagement and transparency are all critical to leading this organization. President Biden's nominee for this position, Michal Freedhoff has demonstrated a commitment to these principles over a long career. She is a scientist – not a requirement for the job but certainly an added advantage in a very science-based office. She has strong policy experience, having served in both the House of Representatives for then Congressman Markey and in the Senate for Senator Markey. In her work on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Michal continuously demonstrated that she has all of the characteristics that are required for a strong and effective leader of the OCSPP- a commitment to sound public policy, grounded in sound science, and the importance of hearing from all stakeholders.

Although we don't share the same political party and often have differing views on policy, we all share the same commitment to EPA and its broad mission to protect the environment and public health. We also share a commitment to effective leadership at EPA. In that regard, it is possible that the leadership of the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention is among the most challenging positions at EPA, given the broad impacts of the decisions that are made on the environment, the public health and the economy. This is why we have come together to support Michal Freedhoff, a candidate we believe will be a successful leader for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

Sincerely,

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