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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Republican Leader McConnell and Democratic Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), I write to express NAR's support of the nomination of Andrew R. Wheeler to be the Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Furthermore, NAR requests that the full Senate hold a vote to approve Mr. Wheeler's nomination as soon as possible.

Mr. Wheeler is well qualified for this position. Mr. Wheeler started his career at the EPA, working on toxic chemical, pollution prevention and right-to-know issues. His work with the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works included serving as majority staff director, minority staff director and chief counsel. In those roles, Mr. Wheeler worked on every major piece of environmental and energy-related legislation before Congress during that time, including greenhouse gas emissions legislation, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and the Clean Air Interstate Rule.

NAR worked with Mr. Wheeler during his tenure on the Senate Environment and Public works Committee and appreciated his professionalism, his work ethic and his dedication to working on important policy issues in a bipartisan and balanced manner.

As Deputy Administrator, Mr. Wheeler will ensure the smooth, day-to-day operations of the Agency while moving forward on important regulatory matters, such as replacing the Waters of the U.S. Rule.

I urge the Senate to move expeditiously to approve Andrew R. Wheeler as the Deputy Administrator of the EPA so that one of the Administration's senior advocates for effective energy and environmental policy can get to work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth G. Mendenhall'.

Elizabeth Mendenhall
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