

February 4, 2021

The Honorable Tom Carper, Chairman
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

On behalf of the U.S. equipment manufacturing industry and the companies that make up the Association of Equipment Manufacturers, we respectfully urge the confirmation of the Honorable Michael S. Regan to serve as Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Equipment manufacturers are proud to support 2.8 million family-sustaining jobs – one in eight manufacturing jobs in the United States – that contribute \$288 billion to the nation's GDP and play a critical role in ensuring all American's basic needs such as shelter, clean water, education, and sustainable and reliable energy are met.

Secretary Regan's experience with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality will serve him well as he leads the Environmental Protection Agency in building a better and more sustainable future for our nation. In his previous role, we valued Secretary Regan's commitment to government-industry partnerships and his understanding of how industries like ours are integrating innovative technologies into our operations, whether that is through precision agriculture techniques to ensure more efficient harvests for farmers or deploying smart technology to promote sustainable construction practices in the execution of infrastructure projects. We look forward to working with Secretary Regan to support policies that impact the men and women of the industry – policies such as the Renewable Fuel Standard and the phase down of hydrofluorocarbon use. We are confident that Secretary Regan will provide the leadership needed to advance the mutual goals of the equipment manufacturing industry to build, power, and feed the U.S. in an innovative and sustainable manner.

Please feel free to call on us to expand upon our support for the nomination of Secretary Regan. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



Dennis Slater
President
Association of Equipment Manufacturers

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works