March 1, 2021

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper Chairman Committee on Environment and Public Works United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito Ranking Member Committee on Environment and Public Works United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

As former Deputy Administrators of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, we write in support of the nomination of Janet McCabe of Indiana to be the Deputy Administrator of the agency.

The Deputy Administrator role is a vital one for EPA. By law, the Deputy Administrator serves as the chief operating officer of EPA and is an important partner with the Administrator in providing leadership for the agency.

Janet McCabe is an outstanding candidate for this position and comes fully prepared to step into this important role and help sustain a strong EPA. Most recently, she has been professor of practice at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and the director of the Environmental Resilience Institute at Indiana University. She played a vital role between 2009 and 2017 at EPA, serving first as Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator and later as Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation. She brought a strong state perspective to these positions, having been director of the air program at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management from 1999 to 2005, and fully understands the importance of both the public and private sectors in protecting health and the environment. She came to Indiana following work on environmental issues in Massachusetts after her graduation from Harvard University and the Harvard Law School. She has known Administrator-designate Michael Regan for many years and will be ready on her first day to take up the mantle of her responsibilities.

Yet her expertise, wisdom and resume do not fully describe what makes Janet McCabe such an outstanding candidate. While some of us have had the privilege of working more closely with her than others, to know Janet is to know her integrity, her strong work ethic, her empathy, and her interest in diverse points of view. EPA career staff who worked with Janet praise her commitment to sound policy, her desire to listen to and work with EPA's dedicated career staff, and her recognition of EPA's importance in protecting the health and the environment of all Americans. The country is fortunate that she is willing to take on this responsibility.

For all of these reasons and more, we, the undersigned, offer our support for the nomination of Janet McCabe to be the Deputy Administrator and urge both the Committee and the full Senate to approve her nomination as rapidly as possible.

Respectfully,

Stan Meiburg, Acting Deputy Administrator, 2014 - 2017

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