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The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment and  
Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and  
Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

On behalf of our collective millions of members and supporters, we write in full support of the nomination of Michael Regan to be the next Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Michael Regan's proven track record in advancing common-sense environmental policies and his commitment to environmental justice make him an outstanding candidate to lead EPA and ensure a healthier future for the nation.

Mr. Regan's nomination comes at a critical time for our country as we face serious crises. From climate change, to a pandemic exacerbated by pollution levels weakening respiratory health, this moment calls for decisive action and strong leadership to protect public health and help build an equitable pollution-free economy of the future. At the same time and with the same urgency, leaders must finally address systemic racism and the environmental injustices it creates in communities all around the country. Communities of color have been forced to bear a radically disproportionate health burden from pollution and toxic chemicals as a result of discrimination in housing, economic opportunity and misused infrastructure investment. As the new administration prioritizes equity across its agencies' policies, EPA's leadership will play a key role in addressing these injustices. To do so, the EPA administrator must prioritize clean energy jobs for communities that need them the most, combating the rising impacts of climate change, cleaning up decades of pollution in neglected communities and providing a just transition for areas dependent on fossil fuel jobs.

As North Carolina's top environmental official, Regan has demonstrated that he is up to the task and has the experience to prove it. He has a fundamental respect for science and environmental protection and has shown a talent for engaging diverse interests in collaborative processes that yield strong, durable outcomes—such as negotiating an historic coal ash settlement with Duke Energy. He also has intimate familiarity with PFAS contamination discharged by the chemical giant Chemours, which should serve him well in tackling the PFAS crisis nationally.

Mr. Regan's ability to navigate complicated political questions and to bring people with diverse backgrounds and interests together make him an ideal fit to lead EPA during this critical time as this administration unifies the nation. His background and experience in North Carolina gives him the necessary tools to work with both political parties, other agencies and Congress to address the crises

our country is facing. If confirmed, Mr. Regan will play a central role in protecting public health for all Americans. He is the right person to protect public health, eliminate pollution and help the Biden Administration meet the goals of an equitable and just transition to a clean and prosperous economy. We urge the Senate to swiftly confirm this highly qualified nominee.

Sincerely,

Alabama Rivers Alliance  
Alliance for the Great Lakes  
American Horse Protection Society  
American Rivers  
Amigos Bravos  
Animal Wellness Action  
Animal Wellness Foundation  
Audubon North Carolina  
Black Millennials 4 Flint  
Brighter Green  
Business Forward  
Center for a Humane Economy  
Center for American Progress  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Clean Air Council  
Clean Water Action  
Climate Advocates Voces Unidas  
Connecticut League of Conservation Voters  
Defend Our Future  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Earthjustice  
Endangered Habitats League  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Environment America  
Environment North Carolina  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Environmental Law & Policy Center  
Environmental League of Massachusetts  
Environmental Working Group  
Florida Conservation Voters  
Georgia Conservation Voters  
Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network  
Green The Church  
GreenLatinos  
Healthy Gulf  
Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited  
Impact Hub Salt Lake  
Interfaith Power & Light  
John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute  
League of Conservation Voters  
Maine Conservation Voters

MIT Alumni for Climate Action  
Moms Clean Air Force  
Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance  
Mothers & Others For Clean Air  
MountainTrue  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Council of Maine  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
NC Sustainable Energy Association  
Nevada Conservation League  
New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light  
New Mexico Sportsmen  
North Carolina Business Council  
North Carolina Coastal Federation  
North Carolina Council of Churches  
North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light  
North Carolina League of Conservation Voters  
Oceana  
Ohio Environmental Action Fund  
Our Climate Education Fund  
PennFuture  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Portland State University  
Prairie Rivers Network  
ProgressNow Colorado  
Rachel Carson Council  
Responsible Drilling Alliance  
Rio Grande Indivisible, New Mexico  
Rocky Mountain Farmers Union  
Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce  
Sierra Club  
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy  
Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project  
Sustain Charlotte  
The Alaska Center  
The CLEO Institute  
The Climate Reality Project  
The Conservation Fund  
The Trust for Public Land  
The Wilderness Society  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
Virginia League of Conservation Voters  
Washington Conservation Voters  
Waterkeeper Alliance  
WE ACT for Environmental Justice  
Western Colorado Alliance  
Western Environmental Law Center  
Western Leaders Network  
Wisconsin Conservation Voters