

January 15, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
S-221, The Capitol
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The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Environment and Public Works Committee
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The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member
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Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer and Senators Barrasso and Carper:

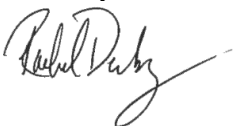
The Portland Cement Association (PCA) strongly supports President Donald Trump's nomination of Acting Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler to officially serve as next Administrator of the EPA.

PCA, founded in 1916, is the premier policy, research, education, and market intelligence organization serving America's cement manufactures. PCA's members represent 93 percent of the United States' cement production capacity and have facilities in all 50 states. Cement and concrete product manufacturing, directly and indirectly, employs approximately 600,000 people in our country, and our collective industries contribute over \$100 billion on our economy. Portland cement is the fundamental ingredient in concrete. The association promotes safety, sustainability, and innovation in all aspects of construction fostering continued improvement in cement manufacturing and distribution and promotes economic growth and sound infrastructure investment.

Acting Administrator Wheeler's leadership skills and professional qualifications in the public and private sectors make him the ideal candidate for this post. If confirmed, he will bring years of experience and knowledge to the role. Given his extensive background in the regulatory field and knowledge of environmental law, Mr. Wheeler will be an asset to the broader manufacturing industry as he leads thoughtful strategy and process for smart growth in American industries, while protecting the environment.

Most notably, Mr. Wheeler's current tenure as Deputy Administrator and Acting Administrator lends to a strong foundation of institutional knowledge and an opportunity of seamless transition to leadership. PCA asks you to support the nomination of Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler to serve as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sincerely,



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Portland Cement Association