**Mercury** (This LTE is designated C4 grassroots lobbying)

186 Words

Acting Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler, a former coal lobbyist, has been nominated to fulfill the position of EPA administrator permanently. As the Senate considers Wheeler’s nomination to permanently serve as EPA administrator, Americans are counting on Wheeler to make basic commitments to protect our health and environment before being trusted to fulfill the mission of the EPA.

However, at his confirmation hearing, Wheeler refused to answer for his undermining of mercury pollution standards that reduce toxic mercury, lead, and arsenic poisoning released from power plants, threatening children, pregnant women, and developing babies. Mercury is a potent neurotoxin that causes permanent damage to the brains of babies and unborn children, leading to developmental delays, learning disabilities, and birth defects.

[STATE DEMONYM]s overwhelmingly support lifesaving consumer protections like those on mercury and other deadly toxins – that’s why we know the EPA should be led by someone who is committed to fulfill the agency’s mission to protect our health and the environment. Now it’s up to [SENATOR] to stand up to Wheeler’s toxic agenda and vote against his nomination – or [STATE] families will pay the price.

**Parent** (This LTE is designated C4 grassroots lobbying)

189 Words

My kid[s] love[s] to play outside. But with his attacks on lifesaving health and climate protections like methane pollution standards, the Clean Power Plan, and clean car standards, Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler is putting his polluter allies ahead of my family’s health and well-being. Now, after working for months to weaken these critical public health safeguards and make it especially dangerous for [STATE] children with asthma to breathe outside, Wheeler wants a promotion to permanently lead the federal agency most responsible for protecting our health and the environment.

Not on my watch.

I’d never put my child in harm’s way, but that’s exactly what Wheeler is doing. Wheeler, a former coal lobbyist, is asking for license to pollute as EPA administrator. For the sake of [STATE] children, [SENATOR] can’t let that happen and must ask Wheeler to make basic commitments to protect our health.

I fulfill a promise every day to my kids/daughter/son: to make sure the promise of their future is as bright as possible. It’s time that Wheeler promise to fulfill the EPA’s mission to protect our health and environment – not force through his toxic agenda.

**Shutdown** (This LTE is designated C3)

197 Words

On January 16, 2019 – the 25th day of President Trump’s unnecessary and harmful government shutdown – former coal industry lobbyist and current Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler appeared before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in a bid to be permanent EPA administrator. While his staff goes unpaid and the EPA cannot carry out critical duties like water testing, enforcement, and Superfund cleanup, it is profoundly unfair for Wheeler to audition for a promotion to lead an agency whose mission he has spent his tenure undermining.

The EPA’s mission is to protect our health and environment, but Wheeler has instead spent his time rolling back lifesaving health and climate protections. From clean cars standards to mercury poisoning, Wheeler’s rollbacks have directly targeted the health and safety of [STATE] families. But at his hearing [THIS/LAST] week, Wheeler refused to commit to stopping these reckless threats to our children and communities. This is unacceptable.

[STATE DEMONYM]s overwhelmingly support lifesaving consumer protections like those on mercury, methylene chloride, and other deadly toxins. We need an EPA administrator committed to protecting our health and the environment, not a former coal lobbyist pursuing a toxic agenda that puts [STATE] communities at risk.