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**[ORGANIZATION/INDIVIDUAL] Releases Statement Opposing the Nomination of Former Coal Industry Lobbyist to Lead EPA**

**(CITY, STATE) –** Today, in response to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works’ vote to move Acting Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler’s nomination to the full Senate, [Organization/Individual] released the following statement:

“Acting Administrator Wheeler is a former coal industry lobbyist who’s used his position at EPA to continue advocating on behalf of his former polluter clients instead of protecting the health and safety of American families. As Wheeler seeks confirmation from the Senate to be permanent EPA administrator, [ORGANIZATION/INDIVIDUAL] voices our opposition to his nomination on the basis that he has yet to answer for his attacks on lifesaving health and climate protections and his failure to carry out the EPA’s mission to protect our health and environment.

The reality is that Americans overwhelmingly support lifesaving consumer protections like those on mercury, methylene chloride, and other deadly toxins. And they deserve an EPA administrator that puts their health and safety above the wishes of polluters – Andrew Wheeler has demonstrated he does not have the qualifications to serve in that role.

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