**CAC LTE Templates**

**Tillis (Extreme Weather)**

**Words:** 205

As the Senate considers whether to confirm ex-coal lobbyist Andrew Wheeler as permanent head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we should take a moment to recognize how Wheeler’s toxic agenda has impacted the lives and livelihoods of families across North Carolina.

Over the past two years, our state has been pummeled by two hurricanes. The flooding during Hurricane Florence cut off Wilmington from the rest of the state for days, and lagoons full of hog manure on industrial farms northwest of the city overflowed, contaminating water sources and killing fish. Climate change is making these extreme weather events both more frequent and more severe, and extreme weather has caused $675 billion in economic damages over the last seven years, averaging out to over $2,000 per American.

Instead of addressing the devastating impact climate change has had on our state, Wheeler is rolling back critical safeguards like the Clean Power Plan and the clean car standards that limit the carbon pollution contributing to climate change. He’s even ignoring the advice of his agency’s own scientists who have urged immediate action on climate. If Senator Tillis cares about the wellbeing of North Carolina families, he should oppose the nomination of Andrew Wheeler to lead the EPA.

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**Ernst (PFAS)**

**Words:** 196 Words

No Iowan should be concerned about whether their drinking water is safe. But Trump’s nominee to lead the EPA – former coal lobbyist Andrew Wheeler – is putting our drinking water at risk by allowing Iowan children and families to be exposed to dangerous chemicals known as PFAS. But that didn’t stop Senator Ernst from voting to advance Wheeler’s nomination and ignoring families across the state who’ve expressed concern about increased exposure to these chemicals that even EPA’s own science has proven to be linked to severe health impacts like cancer, thyroid disease, and weakened childhood immunity.

The EPA is responsible for protecting our health and environment, but Wheeler has shown no interest in the agency’s core mission. Instead, he’s spent his time as acting administrator rolling back lifesaving health and climate protections and giving handouts to the corporate polluters he used to work for.

Iowans overwhelmingly support lifesaving protections from cancer causing chemicals like PFAS. We want to be able to turn on our water taps and trust that our children’s health won’t be put at risk. I urge Senator Ernst to look out for Iowa families and to put a stop to Andrew Wheeler’s toxic agenda.

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**Gardner (PFAS)**

**Words:** 169

Safe drinking water should never be up for debate. But Trump’s nominee to lead the EPA, former coal lobbyist Andrew Wheeler, is putting the safety of Colorado children and families at risk by exposing them to dangerous chemicals known as PFAS. Wheeler refuses to limit these chemicals from our drinking water systems, even though the EPA’s own science has shown these chemicals are linked to severe health impacts such as cancer, thyroid disease, and weakened childhood immunity.

The EPA’s mission is to protect our health and environment, but Wheeler has instead spent his time as acting administrator rolling back lifesaving health and climate protections and giving handouts to the corporate polluters he used to work for. From safe drinking water to mercury pollution from power plants, Wheeler’s rollbacks directly target the health and safety of Colorado families.

Coloradans overwhelmingly support lifesaving health protections like those on PFAS, and other deadly toxins. Senator Gardner should vote against Wheeler’s nomination and his toxic agenda that puts Colorado communities at risk.

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**McSally (National Security)**

**Words:** 162

Climate change is a pressing national security issue that is already impacting our military’s missions, operational plans, and installations. Since 2010, the Department of Defense (DoD) has released multiple reports confirming this emerging threat, and even former DoD Secretary James Mattis called climate change an urgent threat during his tenure.

Despite the need for climate action, the Trump administration’s nominee to lead the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is former coal lobbyist Andrew Wheeler who’s spent his time as acting administrator rolling back the best protections we have to combat the climate change that is putting our country’s security at risk. By attacking the lifesaving Clean Power Plan and America’s clean car standards, Wheeler demonstrates he’s more concerned with helping his former polluter industry employers than he is protecting our country’s health and safety.

Arizonans don’t want climate change to adversely impact our national security. I urge Senator McSally to oppose the nomination of Andrew Wheeler to serve as head of the EPA.