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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
S-221, U.S. Capitol
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Chairman Tom Carper
Committee on Environment and Public Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
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Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito
Committee on Environment and Public Works
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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 Janet McCabe to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). With years of experience at the agency and at the state level in Indiana's Department of Environmental Management, McCabe will bring a wealth of institutional knowledge on both ends of EPA's cooperative federalism model and first-hand experience working closely with state and local officials.

During her time in the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), McCabe worked in several positions including director of its air work, where she both developed and implemented ozone standards and permitting programs and deftly shaped and implemented effective plans while maintaining open communication with the regulated community. Later, as acting chief of EPA's Office of Air and Radiation she helped implement the federal standards themselves, ensuring Americans enjoyed safer health protections from air pollution from large industrial sources and motor vehicles. This breadth of experience will serve the public well as the agency implements standards that will create economic opportunity and create jobs while fulfilling its mission to protect our health and environment.

McCabe's nomination to be Deputy EPA Administrator signals a deep commitment by the Biden-Harris administration to lead the advancement of common-sense environmental policies with a focus on prioritizing environmental justice. This will help to ensure a healthier future and spur equitable economic growth to help the needed economic recovery. The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated how pollution levels exacerbate respiratory health issues and worsen illnesses in disproportionately impacted communities. Our communities need strong leadership to tackle the climate crisis while implementing an equitable and just, 100 percent clean economy. McCabe's prior public service in the EPA Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) gives her extensive experience with the unfair health burdens put on communities of color from pollution and toxic chemicals and how to implement fair and just solutions.

As Deputy EPA Administrator, Janet McCabe will help advance critical health protections through her commitment to science-based policy. We urge the Senate to swiftly confirm this highly qualified nominee and move forward on our nation's climate progress.

Sincerely,

Advocates for Clean & Clear Waterways
Alliance for Affordable Energy
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Rivers
Azul
Black Millennials 4 Flint
Clean Energy Action
Clean Water Action
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Defend Our Future
Dogwood Alliance
Earth Day Network
Earth Ethics, Inc.
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Natural Resources Council of Maine
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