

January 20, 2020

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Chairman, Committee on Environment & Public
Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito
Ranking Member, Committee on Environment &
Public Works
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Moore-Capito:

The undersigned national agricultural organizations wish to extend our support for the nomination of Michael Regan to serve as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

We represent America's farmers, packers, processors and the many sectors that provide goods and services to them. Our members work hard every day to provide food, feed, fuel and fiber to America and the world. In doing so, we create millions of American jobs and support the nation's vital rural economy. Farmers and ranchers are the nation's original environmental stewards, ensuring that natural resources are preserved and protected for future generations. They do this by utilizing long-standing agricultural practices while embracing cutting-edge technologies to increase efficiency, capture carbon and reduce the nation's overall environmental footprint.

As Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Michael Regan has an established record of listening to all stakeholders, including farmers and ranchers. During his tenure, he has worked to find practical, sound solutions to myriad environmental issues in the state, while ensuring science and data guided his decisions. He also understood the impact those decisions would have on rural communities and the families that live and work there.

We believe the same qualities that Secretary Regan has exhibited in his current position will be carried over to his leadership at EPA. We look forward to working with him on the numerous environmental issues facing our nation and fully support his nomination as the next Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Seed Trade Association
American Soybean Association
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
Biotechnology Innovation Organization
Corn Refiners Association
Crop Life America
National Association of State Departments of
Agriculture
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Corn Growers Association

National Cotton Council
National Council Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National Milk Producers Federation
National Pork Producers Council
National Sorghum Producers
National Turkey Federation
North American Meat Institute
The Fertilizer Institute
United Egg Producers
United Fresh Produce Association
USA Rice Federation