



February 27, 2023

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

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment & Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito,

On behalf of the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), I write today to express our strong support for the swift confirmation of Joseph Goffman to serve as Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Goffman is eminently qualified to serve the public in this position.

RFA is the leading national trade organization representing producers and supporters of low-carbon ethanol. Our member companies are key stakeholders in a number of important regulatory programs administered by EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), including the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), light-duty vehicle GHG emissions standards, fuel and emissions standards for mobile and stationary sources, and others.

RFA's members and staff continue to have a very good working relationship with Mr. Goffman in his current capacity as Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator at OAR. We have found him to be accessible, thoughtful, pragmatic, and highly knowledgeable on the Clean Air Act and other statutory programs designed to protect human health and the environment. Mr. Goffman has earned the respect and trust of a diverse array of stakeholders and is willing to listen to differing viewpoints on complicated policy and regulatory matters.

While we may not always agree with every decision made by OAR, we are confident that Mr. Goffman will continue to perform his duties in an open and transparent manner guided by science and the law. Based on our interactions with Mr. Goffman, it is clear to us that his ultimate priority is serving the best interests of the public and protecting our nation's air resources.

We look forward to working with both Mr. Goffman and this Committee to continue advancing the production and use of low-carbon renewable fuels, which improve our nation's environmental quality and energy security. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Geoff Cooper
President & CEO