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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports the nomination of Brenda Mallory to serve as chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). The Chamber looks forward to working with Ms. Mallory to advance the council's mission of improving and protecting America's public health and environmental quality.

Ms. Mallory's past experience as general counsel at CEQ and as a lawyer at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency make her well suited to lead CEQ. Her experience working on a broad range of issues and priorities under CEQ's purview make her well-qualified to lead the agency.

The Chamber and the business community we represent is particularly interested in working with Ms. Mallory and the Committee to ensure the environmental review and permitting process will improve project delivery. To address the environmental and economic growth opportunities and challenges we face, that process must be both efficient and effective.

Building modern, resilient infrastructure promises to link communities that have borne disproportionate burdens with businesses and job centers and provide better access to clean water and affordable energy. Investments in telecommunications infrastructure will support virtual learning and drive entrepreneurial opportunities to help close the digital divide. These investments will fail to deliver their intended benefits, however, without timely and coordinated environmental reviews.

Thank you for considering Ms. Mallory's nomination. We look forward to working with her as the chair of CEQ and with the members of this Committee to pursue these important objectives.

Sincerely,



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