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The Honorable Tom Carper  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports the nomination of Michal Freedhoff to be Assistant Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP), and we ask the Committee to report favorably her nomination.

Dr. Freedhoff's confirmation hearing provided a solid summary of her distinguished career in public service and highlighted the importance of science and data in Dr. Freedhoff's decision-making approach. She is well qualified to lead on the chemicals portfolio that are the responsibility of OCSPP. Holding a PhD in physical chemistry, as well as extensive experience on Capitol Hill, Dr. Freedhoff has a strong understanding of the science-policy nexus and legislative foundation that is central to this position.

The Chamber and its members look forward to working with Dr. Freedhoff on a number of chemical safety-related issues of importance to the business community and our nation, including the administration and risk management of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and addressing emerging issues such as poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). We recognize that effective oversight of chemical safety issues to benefit communities, the economy, and the environment requires a collaborative partnership between EPA and the regulated community, and we stand ready to engage constructively with Dr. Freedhoff and EPA staff on these important issues.

Thank you for your consideration of Dr. Freedhoff's nomination and for scheduling the May 12 hearing.

Sincerely,



Neil Bradley

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works