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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
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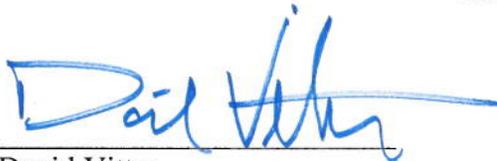
Dear Chairman Boxer,

We are concerned by your recent statement that the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee may vote on the nomination of Gina McCarthy to be EPA Administrator as early as May 8th. Before scheduling a vote, it is crucial that we receive the outstanding answers from both the nominee and the Agency to Committee members' questions for the record (QFRs) as well as the outstanding five requests made by the EPW Republicans. Those five requests simply ask for the Agency to conduct its work in a transparent and open manner as President Obama, former EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, and the nominee have all publically committed to do.

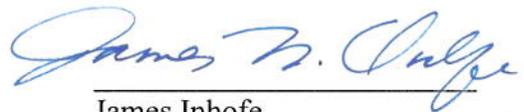
EPW precedent illustrates that without answers to questions and information requests, it is not appropriate to move forward with the nominee. In a 2003 letter to the Chairman, Committee Democrats objected to moving forward with the nomination of Governor Leavitt as EPA Administrator in part due to their stance that, while they had received Leavitt's answers to their written questions, those answers were incomplete and insufficient.

In this context, we would note your recent decision to delay scheduling a nomination hearing for Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Allison MacFarlane pending submittal of information that you requested from her concerning a nuclear facility in your state. We ask that you give us the same courtesy while we work through getting our questions for Gina McCarthy answered as well as the information we requested.

Sincerely,



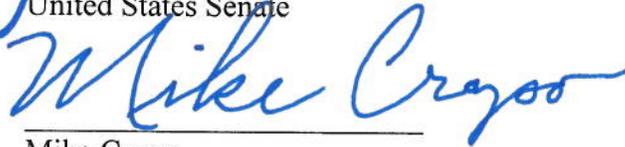
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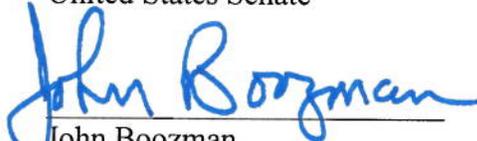
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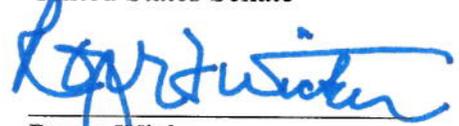
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