

## **Talking Points: EPW Nomination Hearing - Joe Goffman Introduction**

- I am proud to introduce Joe Goffman, a native Pennsylvanian, and the nominee to serve as Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation at the Environmental Protection Agency.
- I can think of no better candidate for this vital position than Mr. Goffman.
- Mr. Goffman's more than 40-year career has centered on public service and his dedication to protecting the health and environment of the American people.
- He knows that the best results for the nation's health, environment, and economy happen through public engagement and a collaborative, open-minded problem-solving approach.
- We can be sure that he will listen to all sides of the issues before him, while faithfully adhering to the law, the science, and expert technical advice.
- For proof of that, look no further than the range of support Joe's nomination has received – from the Mineworkers, the Steelworkers, the UAW and the AFL-CIO to the utility industry and the biofuels industry, to the air directors of Tribal nations, leading voices of the environmental justice community, the environmental NGO groups including the Evangelical Environmental Network and public health organizations.
- In his decades of legal, legislative, policy and practical experience, he has helped shape critical clean air programs.
- The first was the landmark Acid Rain Program, which is widely recognized for its innovation, effectiveness, and durability.
- In 1989 and 1990, when Joe served as an associate counsel for this committee, he worked on the provisions of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments that established the first of-its-kind cap-and-trade program to cut the pollution that was harming our lakes and streams, clouding the

Appalachians with haze, and threatening the health of millions of Americans.

- After President George H.W. Bush signed the amendments into law, Joe took the experience he had gained and put it to work with the talented and dedicated career staff at the EPA to implement the legislation.
- Fast forward 30 years, and that program has reduced acid rain pollution to a fraction of 1990 levels – affordably – better protecting our treasured mountains, lakes, and streams, while helping millions of Americans live longer, healthier lives breathing cleaner air.
- That type of experience – helping write the law, putting it into practice and then ensuring that it’s working as intended – was reflected in the major air pollution programs Joe helped develop when he held senior positions in the Obama EPA, programs that have delivered the goods in improving air quality and protecting people’s health.
- And that’s why he’s uniquely suited to be the Assistant Administrator for EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation.
- He will tell you this himself, but I know that Joe views public service as a privilege and honor.
- He’s dedicated his career to environmental laws and policy aimed at safeguarding and improving Americans’ health and prosperity.
- That’s what motivates him to do this work, and that’s what makes him a most qualified nominee for this important position.
- Joe, I am grateful for your desire to continue your distinguished career in public service, and I look forward to continuing working with you once you are confirmed as Assistant Administrator.
- Chair Carper and Ranking Member Capito, I ask unanimous consent to add letters of support from the aforementioned stakeholders into the record.