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The Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6176

The Honorable Tom Carper, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6175

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

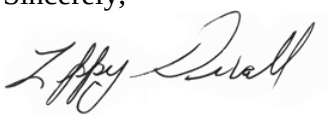
The American Farm Bureau Federation strongly supports the nomination of Susan Bodine for the position of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance (OECA). We urge you to vote in favor of her confirmation.

Susan Bodine's breadth and depth of experience in environmental protection make her an outstanding nominee to lead OECA. She has extensive experience working for Congress in senior legal and policy positions while at the Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and later at the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. She also served as the EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response under President Bush. In addition to her Executive Branch and congressional experience, she was a partner at the law firm of Barnes and Thornburg, where she was a well-respected and effective legal counsel to our nation's resource users.

In her decades of experience in private practice, for Congress and EPA, Susan Bodine has proven her leadership skills and her deep understanding of our nation's environmental laws and how they affect ordinary citizens and small businesses. She has shown leadership in working toward solutions with groups on all sides of the many controversies that entangle environmental protection. We believe she will strictly enforce our nation's environmental laws, using the hammer when necessary. We also believe she will bring back an effective yet underutilized tool in EPA's toolbox – compliance assistance. Farmers and ranchers across the nation look forward to a new era of firm, but fair enforcement.

For EPA to achieve the goals set forth by President Trump and Administrator Pruitt, EPA needs a strong leadership team. We believe Susan Bodine is an excellent choice and we urge her swift confirmation.

Sincerely,



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President

cc: United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works