



November 6, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

GPA Midstream Association strongly supports President Trump's nomination of Andrew Wheeler to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Andrew Wheeler will be a positive addition to Administrator Scott Pruitt and his team at EPA. Andrew brings a wealth of legislative and regulatory expertise to EPA. He is a seasoned environmental and energy policy expert who knows how important sound science based regulations are to creating American jobs while protecting our environment.

GPA Midstream has served the U.S. energy industry since 1921. GPA Midstream is composed of nearly 100 corporate members of all sizes that are engaged in the gathering and processing of natural gas into merchantable pipeline gas, commonly referred to in the industry as "midstream activities." Such processing includes the removal of impurities from the raw gas stream produced at the wellhead, as well as the extraction for sale of natural gas liquid products ("NGLs") such as ethane, propane, butane, and natural gasoline. GPA Midstream members account for more than 90 percent of the NGLs produced in the United States from natural gas processing. Our members also operate hundreds of thousands of miles of domestic gas gathering lines and are involved with storing, transporting, and marketing natural gas and NGLs.

GPA Midstream strongly supports the nomination of Andrew Wheeler to serve as Deputy Administrator of EPA and thanks you for your consideration of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Matthew Hite".

Matthew Hite  
Vice President of Government Affairs  
GPA Midstream Association