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April 10, 2013

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters, we write to strongly support President Obama's nomination of Assistant Administrator Gina McCarthy to head the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Ms. McCarthy has a solid, bipartisan record of successfully working to protect our air and water. We believe she is exceptionally well-qualified to fill this critical position.

Ms. McCarthy brings to the table 25 years of experience working on environmental issues, both at the state and federal level and under Democratic as well as Republican administrations. Prior to her current role as head of EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, she served as the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection under Republican Governor Jodi Rell. Before that, Ms. McCarthy spent 25 years as an environmental official in Massachusetts working for five governors from both parties, including Governor Mitt Romney. In this nearly three decade career of fighting for clean air, clean water, public health and environmental justice, Gina McCarthy has gained a reputation for being engaging, effective and committed to bringing diverse stakeholders together to achieve meaningful environmental protections.

Our country, and indeed our entire planet, will face unprecedented environmental challenges in the coming years. Americans deserve an EPA Administrator who is committed to enforcing the laws on the books and working with Congress and the Administration to continue EPA's record of success. While serving in her role as Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, Gina McCarthy has overseen some of the most significant and life-saving environmental achievements to come out of EPA in decades. These include last year's landmark safeguards against mercury and air toxics from power plants, a proposal to rein in dangerous industrial carbon pollution from new power plants, clean car standards that represent the largest step our country has ever taken to reduce carbon pollution, and a strengthening of limits on deadly fine particulate matter. The result is tens of thousands of lives saved and billions of dollars of health care costs avoided annually.

We very much look forward to working with Ms. McCarthy to continue protecting our children and families from the dangers of air pollution, water pollution and the many other industrial and household toxics that threaten our health and safety. We appreciate your consideration of our strong support and would be happy to speak with you should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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