

January 27, 2021

The Honorable Thomas Carper  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment & Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment & Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

The undersigned organizations encourage the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the full Senate to swiftly confirm Michael Regan as Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Collectively, our organizations are engaged in the management of pests that are harmful to our nation's public health, infrastructure, natural resources, and green spaces. The products that our members make or use control mosquitoes, ticks, and rodents that carry disease; protect our nation's public utilities, rights-of-way, and infrastructure from invasive weeds; manage overgrowth and vegetation that pose fire hazards; and maintain homes, greenspaces, parks, sports fields, and golf courses. In addition to providing safe places to enjoy, well maintained green spaces filter ground water and sequester carbon dioxide.

During his tenure as Secretary of North Carolina's Department of Environmental Quality, Mr. Regan earned a reputation for making decisions guided by science that take into account input from all impacted stakeholders. He worked to craft practical, sound solutions to a host of environmental issues in the state. These qualities will serve him well as head of the Agency.

The prompt confirmation of Mr. Regan will allow EPA to continue its vital mission of protecting the public health and environment without interruption. Under his leadership, we are hopeful that the regulatory decisions made by the Agency will be transparent, grounded in science, and protective of the public health and environment. Mr. Regan has the requisite background and issue knowledge to lead EPA. We respectfully encourage the Committee and the full Senate to swiftly confirm him.

Sincerely,

AmericanHort  
American Mosquito Control Association  
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation  
CPDA – Council of Producers and Distributors of Agrotechnology  
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America  
National Association of Landscape Professionals  
National Pest Management Association  
RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment)  
Tree Care Industry Association