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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman
United States Senate Committee on
Environment and Public Works
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on
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Dear Chairman and Ranking Member,

I am writing you today on behalf of the American Trucking Associations (ATA) to offer my full support for the nomination of former Representative Lee Zeldin to serve as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

While representing New York's 1st Congressional district, Rep. Zeldin brought a commonsense mindset to the House of Representatives. He listened to advocates on all sides of environmental issues and worked with his colleagues as part of the Climate Solutions Caucus and Conservative Climate Caucus on proactive, constructive and results-driven approaches to key issues. This dedication to collaboration is exactly what is needed from an EPA Administrator.

America's truckers deserve an EPA leader who will work productively with industry to set federal emissions standards that are achievable and do not risk disrupting our supply chains. Unfortunately, the current EPA failed to meet those thresholds and instead consistently conceded its federal responsibilities to the California Air Resources Board, creating a patchwork of state mandates and timelines for emissions reduction and forced electrification of heavy-duty trucking. We believe that under Rep. Zeldin's leadership, the EPA can restore common sense to environmental policies, providing a national roadmap that is both ambitious and achievable.

Trucking is the lifeblood of our economy – moving over 70% of the nation's freight and serving as the sole mode of freight transportation for 80% of American communities. Through voluntary participation in the EPA SmartWay program and ATA's productive dialogue with regulators, our industry has sharply reduced its environmental footprint. As a result, 60 trucks today produce the emissions of a single truck in 1988. We look forward to building on those achievements.

As the largest national trade organization representing over 8.5 million men and women working in the trucking industry, ATA strongly encourages the Committee to approve Rep. Zeldin's nomination so that he can be confirmed by the full Senate at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Chris Spear
President & CEO
American Trucking Associations

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works