



January 10, 2025

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman
Committee on Environment & Public Works
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment & Public Works
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Capito and Ranking Member Whitehouse:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), the business association of the nation's engineering industry, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the nomination of Lee Zeldin to serve as Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In nominating former Congressman Zeldin to head the EPA, President-Elect Trump has chosen an experienced leader with a proven track record of legislative accomplishments. Mr. Zeldin understands the importance of balancing responsible environmental protections with economic growth and is an excellent fit to lead the agency.

Over the next four years, the EPA will play a critical role on issues that are important to the engineering industry. These include policies to address PFAS and other emerging contaminants in drinking water and wastewater, continued federal investment in resilient water infrastructure through the State Revolving Loan Funds, improving the use of technology to facilitate more efficient permitting, and ensuring the appropriate balance between state and federal regulation of wetlands under the Clean Water Act. Our industry stands ready to work with your committee and the incoming administration on these and other environmental issues.

We are confident that Mr. Zeldin is well-qualified to serve as the next Administrator of the EPA and urge the Senate to quickly confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda Bauer Darr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being the most prominent.

Linda Bauer Darr
President and CEO