



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

June 17, 2022

The Honorable Thomas Carper  
Chairman, Senate Committee on  
Environment and Public Works  
410 Dirksen SOB  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Capito  
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on  
Environment and Public Works  
410 Dirksen SOB  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper, Ranking Member Capito, and Members of the Committee:

As a coalition of the nation's largest labor unions and environmental groups, collectively representing millions of members and supporters, the BlueGreen Alliance supports the nomination of Joseph Goffman to be the assistant administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Air and Radiation (OAR).

The largest office at EPA, OAR leads critical programs to address outdoor and indoor air quality, chemical accident prevention, pollution from vehicles, emissions that contribute to climate change, and radiation protection. In short, this office is vital to EPA's mission to protect public health and secure a safe environment for workers and communities. Mr. Goffman has the experience needed to do this critical work in ways that lift up communities and workers and prioritize investments in the workers and communities that need it most, including frontline communities.

Mr. Goffman has dedicated his career to the protection of human health and the environment and understands the urgency of the climate crisis. He has a track record of developing relationships with stakeholders across sectors and will no doubt continue that work at the OAR. As assistant administrator of OAR, Mr. Goffman will focus on protecting the health of American families and communities, anchor his decisions in law and science, and carry out the president's vision for a stronger and cleaner economy. His extensive expertise—including as a professional staff member serving the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and at EPA—will mean greater protections for the millions of Americans all across our nation who are harmed by climate and air pollution.

We urge you to swiftly confirm this nominee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Walsh", written in a cursive style.

Jason Walsh  
Executive Director  
BlueGreen Alliance