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The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-6176

The Honorable Thomas Carper  
Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-6176

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and the Public Lands Council (PLC) urge you to vote in favor of Susan Bodine as Assistant Administrator of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). NCBA is the cattle industry's largest and oldest national trade association, representing American cattle producers who provide much of the nation's food supply and manage a large part of America's private property. PLC is the only national organization dedicated solely to representing the roughly 22,000 ranchers who hold federal grazing permits and operate on federal lands. Our organizations strongly believe Bodine's nomination is an important step towards protecting our environment through firm, but fair, compliance and enforcement measures.

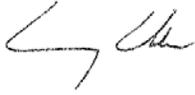
Bodine has impeccable credentials with 29 years of environmental law and policy experience garnered from leadership positions in the federal government and private sector. Bodine currently serves as Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and she was previously the staff director and senior counsel for the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. During the George W. Bush Administration, Bodine served as the Assistant Administrator of EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. Bodine was a partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP where she led coalition efforts on environmental issues. She has proven her commitment to public service and she is a distinguished expert in environmental law, which will prove invaluable in her role as Assistant Administrator of OECA.

On a personal level, NCBA and PLC have found Bodine to be a valuable resource due to her breadth of experience and knowledge. And importantly, she is fair and impartial in all areas of her work.

America's livestock producers are invested in keeping our air, water, and land clean for future generations of livestock producers. A compliance-first approach to regulatory programs would enable farmers and ranchers to work with EPA as partners in environmental stewardship rather than simply being regulatory targets. With Bodine at the helm of OECA, we believe we can achieve this goal and herald an era of environmental success.

For these reasons and many more, NCBA and PLC strongly support Susan Bodine's nomination to Assistant Administrator of OECA.

Sincerely,



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National Cattlemen's Beef Association



David Eliason  
President  
Public Lands Council

cc: The Honorable Scott Pruitt, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency