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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
465 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schumer and Senator McConnell,

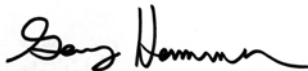
On behalf of the Endocrine Society, I am writing today to express our support for the nomination of Michael S. Regan for the position of Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Founded in 1916, the Endocrine Society is the world's oldest, largest, and most active organization dedicated to the understanding of hormone systems and the clinical care of patients with endocrine diseases and disorders. Our membership of over 18,000 includes researchers who are making significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge in environmental exposures and their impact on endocrine systems, including in the field of endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs).

Mr. Regan's background makes him uniquely suited to lead the EPA at this critical time. An increasingly complex landscape of environmental crises and toxicant exposures is linked to numerous public health impacts including endocrine diseases such as diabetes and hormone-sensitive cancer. Meanwhile, advanced scientific topics such as endocrine disruption require a modernized and systematic approach to environmental policy and chemical regulation that makes use of the latest science generated by researchers with discipline-specific expertise. Mr. Regan's history of work addressing difficult environmental challenges and improving regulatory processes will be invaluable as the EPA works on these issues over the next 4 years.

We also applaud Mr. Regan's history of supporting environmental justice and equity for disadvantaged and under-resourced communities. It is well-established that hazardous exposures are not distributed equally, and certain communities are at increased risk due to disproportionate toxicant exposure. For example, exposure to EDCs may contribute to increased incidence of diabetes and metabolic diseases in minority communities in the United States. Mr. Regan will bring valuable skills to ensure that environmental justice communities have a strong voice in decisions that will affect their health and that of future generations.

We enthusiastically support Michael S. Regan's nomination and look forward to working with Mr. Regan following his confirmation. Thank you for your consideration; if we can be of any further assistance please contact Joe Laakso, Director of Science Policy at jlaakso@endocrine.org.

Sincerely,



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President, Endocrine Society