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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I am writing to recommend Todd Parfitt, Director of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), for your consideration for the position of Region 8 Regional Administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

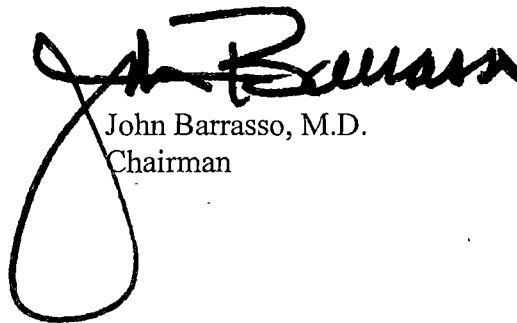
Mr. Parfitt is a distinguished public servant with extensive knowledge of environmental regulatory issues before the EPA. Before assuming his current role at the Wyoming DEQ in 2012, he served as its Deputy Director and Administrator of its Industrial Siting Division.

Because of his years of public service in the State of Wyoming, Mr. Parfitt understands issues of importance to EPA Region 8. Region 8 includes the States of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming and also serves 27 Tribal Nations.

Equally important, Mr. Parfitt has firsthand experience with the economic burdens that occur when federal and state requirements are duplicative. He is well poised to identify these issues and support the EPA in advancing policies that both protect our environment and promote economic growth.

I strongly recommend the appointment of Mr. Parfitt to EPA.

Sincerely,



John Barrasso, M.D.
Chairman

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