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Administrator Scott Pruitt
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
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Washington, DC 20460
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Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I write to you today on behalf of Patrick Davis. Patrick has applied for the position of regional director for EPA's Region 8 which encompasses the State of Colorado. The purpose of my letter is to urge your favorable consideration of Patrick for this important post within the EPA.

I consider Patrick eminently qualified for this position located here in Colorado. To start, Patrick has lived and worked in region 8 since 1981. He graduated from high school in South Dakota in 1986, graduated from College in a North Dakota border community (Moorhead, MN) in 1996 and since 1993 has lived in either in South Dakota or Colorado.

Patrick's work as a consultant has exposed him to many of the issues facing the Region 8 Regional Administrator. Examples of these experiences include helping the community of Leadville, Colorado secure a dangerous mine; working with Montana US Senator Conrad Burns at the Libby, Montana superfund site, and working with a Colorado company which developed a new scrubbing technology for coal fired power plants in the region. In the course of his work Patrick has also built and maintains thousands of relationships in the region. His relationships range from Governors, US Senators, and US Representatives to Attorney's General, Secretaries of State, State Treasurers, State Legislators, county commissioners, Mayor's, city council members, utility board members, developers, government staff, corporate executives, non-profit executives, and various other community, religious, media and political leaders

Finally I should note that Patrick is an avid fly fisherman and Patrick regularly takes his family camping throughout Colorado. Clearly in his personal life Patrick understands and values the importance and value of clean water and clean air not just for himself but also for our future generations.

In addition to these substantial qualifications Patrick is now close to wrapping up his work as a member of the Trump Administration's EPA "beach team." During his time on the team Patrick was briefed on every office and program administered by the EPA and, in particular, he dove into the details at the

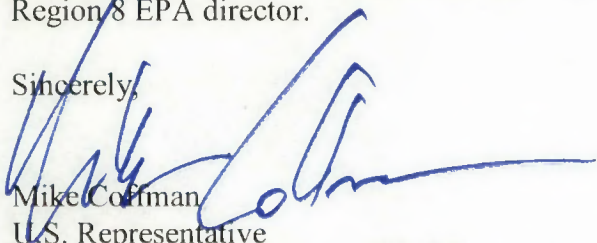
- Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention,

- EPA Office of Homeland Security,
- Office of Land and Emergency Management and,
- The Office of Policy.

Before he leaves EPA HQ to return to Colorado Patrick will have received briefs on existing personnel in region 8, projects and programs unique to region 8 and have in place strong relationships throughout the EPA. These relationships include ones with senior program managers at EPA HQ. These relationships will provide that vital linkage that all too often is problematic between the regions and HQ. Patrick will know who to call, when to call, and have a pre-existing relationship with the senior members of the HQ. Having such a relationship in place will assure a positive and constructive work flow focused on carrying out the mission of the EPA.

Perhaps most importantly, however, there is one other key factor in Patrick's favor: his close alignment with the priorities of the Trump Administration. His record in this regard is well established and he is ideally suited and capable of communicating and carrying out President Trump's and your priorities as the EPA Region 8 Regional Administrator. I have complete confidence in Patrick's ability to exceed all your expectations and those of the President as the Region 8 EPA director.

Sincerely,



Mike Coffman
U.S. Representative
Sixth District of Colorado