NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF Manufacturers

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United States Senate
Committee on Environment and Public Works
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, I respectfully urge you to vote “yes” on the nomination of Katherine Scarlett to be a member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

Nearly 13 million men and women make things in America, earning on average more than $102,000 per year and contributing $2.9 trillion to the US economy. Our industry also has one of the largest multiplier effects of all sectors of the economy. For every one worker in manufacturing, 4.8 jobs are added to the overall economy. When manufacturing wins, America wins.

The CEQ serves a central role in helping coordinate and advise federal agencies’ implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act. Efficient environmental review is integral to manufacturing competitiveness and ensuring American dominance in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. For example, as the Trump administration pursues American leadership in AI, CEQ will be a key facilitator of construction of critical projects. As such, a functioning CEQ is vital to a thriving manufacturing sector.

As Congress works toward permitting reform that will unlock manufacturing investment, innovation and growth, CEQ will play a critical role in implementing any final legislation that is passed. Ms. Scarlett, with her years as a senior professional staffer on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and in the executive branch, has the expertise to faithfully implement Congressional intent of the permitting reforms manufacturers desperately need.

Swift confirmation of Ms. Scarlett will help ensure CEQ has the experienced leadership it needs to help guide and coordinate the federal environmental review process, to the benefit of both our nation’s environment and economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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