EPA Alumni Association

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An Open Letter to Current EPA Staff

Open Letter to EPA Employees:

As representatives of more than 2,700 former employees of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we are writing to express our support for the dedicated professionals currently serving at the agency. As public servants who have worked across multiple decades, under the leadership of both Republican and Democratic presidents, we understand EPA's essential role in safeguarding human health and protecting the environment.

The EPA has a remarkable 54-year track record of serving our country by improving air and water quality, cleaning up contamination, and reducing chemical risks, to benefit all Americans and ensure future generations inherit a healthier planet. These gains were made possible through the efforts of highly skilled and committed employees who work every day to serve the public and advance EPA's mission. These gains were made possible by you. We stand with you as you continue to carry out your essential duties.

We also urge policymakers and the American public to recognize the importance of a strong EPA for protecting human health and the environment. Americans benefit immensely from the work of EPA employees, enjoying healthier lives and improved quality of life. EPA is a vital institution for maintaining environmental gains and meeting the challenges of the future.

We call on Administrator Zeldin and Congress to ensure that EPA remains adequately funded and empowered to continue its vital mission.



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Dave Calkins Chuck Elkins Phyllis Flaherty The EPA Alumni Association is supporting EPA staff by providing resources and assistance during this time on our **website** (<u>https://EPAalumni.com</u>) under "Help for EPA Employees." We encourage you to share this information with EPA staff and other federal employees through personal outreach.

We also encourage you to stay in touch with former and current colleagues who can serve as an invaluable source of encouragement and support.

For you, the employees of EPA, know that you are not alone. Your work is vital, and you have the backing of those who have come before you and the American public. Indeed, a recent post-election poll shows that voters across America overwhelmingly support strong environmental protection. (You can read about the poll <u>here</u>).

We are proud of your continued dedication and perseverance, and we stand in solidarity with you in defense of the agency's mission.

Sincerely,

EPA Alumni Association