

April 08, 2021

Michael S. Regan
Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Regan,

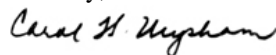
On behalf of the Endocrine Society, I am writing today to extend our congratulations to you on your appointment to the position of Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We are confident that the EPA will benefit from your expertise and history of leadership addressing difficult environmental challenges and improving regulatory processes. 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).

As you are well aware, an increasingly complex landscape of environmental crises and toxicant exposures are linked to a variety of public health impacts. Meanwhile, topics such as endocrine disruption require a modernized and systematic approach to environmental policy and chemical regulation that makes use of the latest information on endocrine signaling and biology. Addressing these challenging scientific issues will require an approach that combines the expertise of professionals at EPA with insights from academic scientists. We are therefore encouraged by your statements supporting the prioritization and utilization of scientific information in EPA.

We also applaud your 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.

Our members look forward to working together with you and your team to advance the agency's mission and support programs to improve public and ecological health for all communities. We congratulate you on your confirmation and we hope to meet with you and discuss how the Endocrine Society and EPA can work together in the coming years. Should you have any questions, or to arrange for a meeting with the Society, please contact Joe Laakso, PhD, Associate Director of Science Policy, at jlaakso@endocrine.org or at 202.971.3632.

Sincerely,



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