



January 13, 2025

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment and  
Public Works  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and  
Public Works  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Moore Capito and Ranking Member Whitehouse,

On behalf of the Institute of Makers of Explosives (IME), I write in support of confirming Mr. Lee Zeldin to serve as the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Zeldin's experience in the New York State Senate and the U.S. House or Representatives makes him uniquely qualified to lead the EPA.

The commercial explosives industry, including manufacturers, distributors and users, is vital to the U.S. economy, contributing more than \$19 billion annually to the U.S. economy and creating 15,000 direct industry jobs and more than 60,000 total jobs.

Mr. Zeldin has a proven track record of taking a bipartisan and collaborative approach to environmental policy. If confirmed, we believe he will strike the right balance between ensuring environmental protection and supporting economic growth. We also believe his leadership will be integral in improving the permitting process to support the continued development of our nation's diverse, abundant and affordable energy supply critical to our nation's domestic and national security.

I strongly encourage the committee to approve Mr. Zeldin for the position of Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and favorably report his nomination to the full Senate for confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Clark Mica', written in a cursive style.

J. Clark Mica  
President