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Administrator Regan,

Congratulations on your confirmation to serve as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Grange looks forward to welcoming you to Washington, D.C. Since our founding in 1867, the National Grange has worked with administrations of both parties to create policies which support agriculture and rural America. Today, the National Grange serves as the national voice of over 150,000 rural Americans from all across the country. In this mission, we look forward to working with you and the EPA in the next few years to advance environmental policies which benefit rural America.

In particular, our membership's major concern for the EPA is that American environmental policy be based on American science and data, and that policies place a priority on the livelihood of America's farmers and ranchers as well as the environment. For example, policies such as the WOTUS rule or the creation of carbon markets must prioritize the wellbeing of farmers, not just the wellbeing of the environment. Thankfully, we have been encouraged to hear from our North Carolina State Grange that in your previous role as Secretary of North Carolina's Department of Environmental Quality you often included farmers in the conversation, and we hope to see this continue during your time at the EPA.

While the National Grange has many more specific environmental legislative priorities for rural America that we look forward to working with your department on, the key to success in all arenas is to include farmers, ranchers and rural America in the conversation. Once again, congratulations on your confirmation, the National Grange looks forward to working with your department to implement successful policies for rural America.

Respectfully submitted,

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