

May 11, 2021

The Honorable Thomas Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

On behalf of the Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) and its member companies, I write to express HCPA's strong support for the confirmation of Dr. Michal Freedhoff to be Assistant Administrator for Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We believe Dr. Freedhoff's experience in policy and public service, as well as her scientific background, position her to effectively promote EPA's mission of protecting the environment and public health.

HCPA is the premier trade association representing the interests of companies that manufacture, formulate, distribute, and sell \$180 billion annually of familiar household and commercial products that help consumers and workers create cleaner and healthier environments. Many of these products and their ingredients are regulated by EPA, and HCPA has a long history of working collaboratively with EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention to address emerging regulatory issues.

Through her work with the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Dr. Freedhoff has become familiar with many of the policy issues facing HCPA and its members, particularly in chemicals management. She understands the importance of effective environmental regulation, but also the wide-ranging economic impact of new policies. In addition to her public policy experience, she is also a scientist, and is committed to public policy grounded in sound science. Finally, throughout her time working in Congress, Dr. Freedhoff has consistently valued public engagement and collaborated with diverse stakeholders.

As EPA begins to tackle the complex challenges facing the environment and public health, we believe Dr. Freedhoff is an excellent candidate to lead this critical office. We hope she will earn the support of you and your colleagues during the confirmation process.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Caldeira
President and CEO
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