



January 15, 2025

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairwoman of the Senate Environment & Public Works
Committee
170 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC, 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member of the Senate Environment & Public
Works Committee
530 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Chairwoman Capito and Ranking Member Whitehouse,

On behalf of the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), I'd like to express our support for President Elect Trump's Nominee, Rep. Lee Zeldin, as the next Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

NAPA is the lone Washington DC trade association representing over 1,100 companies involved in asphalt pavement production and paving application across the nation. Our industry produces over 400M tons of asphalt pavement annually, supporting close to 350,000 jobs nationwide, with plants in virtually every Congressional district. Asphalt comprises roughly 94% of the roadway market, and over 80% of the airfield pavement market. Asphalt mix plants provide the critical pavement materials needed to build and maintain the nation's almost 4 million roadway miles.

We welcome Nominee Lee Zeldin before the Committee to lead the EPA at a critical juncture for our industry. We are closing in on the final year of the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (IIJA), which expires at the end of 2026, and Congress must pass a new highway reauthorization before the 119th adjourns. Along with highway reauthorization, NAPA members constantly work with EPA as it pertains to permits regulated under major rules like the *Clean Air Act* and *Clean Water Act*. Given the Supreme Court's recent ruling striking down the *Chevron Decision*, how agencies will now interpret rules and determine regulatory implementation from future Congressional acts will be critical, and Nominee Zeldin will help the agency move forward through this new precedent. Further, our industry's work with the agency will continue to grow as we utilize reclaimed asphalt product (RAP), which is the most recycled product in the country. NAPA members used over 90M tons of RAP throughout our nation's roads, dramatically decreasing our industry's carbon output by using fewer virgin materials. We look forward to deploying even more RAP in the next highway reauthorization package, and our industrial decarbonization programs are a key partnership pillar with the EPA.

There are countless EPA policies relevant to asphalt producers that we won't list today, but we look forward to working with the agency's new leadership to ensure our industry's critical pavement work, along with environmental stewardship, will continue to advance. We encourage the Committee to pass Rep. Lee Zeldin's nomination to the full chamber in the hopes that he will lead the EPA in earnest and continue the agency's vital work. Thank you for your consideration and please use NAPA as an industry resource as your committee works on critical regulatory policies and highway reauthorization this session.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nile Elam", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nile Elam
Vice President of Government Affairs
National Asphalt Pavement Association