

January 13, 2021

Honorable Andrew Wheeler  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Wheeler:

Please accept my official notice of resignation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the Director of House Affairs, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, effective January 20, 2021.

I was asked to resign due to a change in administration.

It has been a pleasure to serve under your leadership and to work on behalf of the American people to carry out EPA's mission of protecting human health and the environment. One of the reasons I joined the EPA was to serve alongside you and learn from such a distinguished public servant. You should know that, although I have been on your staff for less than a year, I have grown considerably and reflect on my time positively.

I have spent the last two months thinking about President Trump's failure to accept his legitimate defeat and the past few days reflecting on the horrific events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6. And, while I wanted to resign from my position because of President Trump's failure to accept his defeat and his inciting of violence, I chose to work alongside you until January 20.

As the Director of House Affairs, I still receive inquiries from Capitol Hill every day and have been supporting Members of Congress as they work to understand EPA regulations, assist constituents, or address other issues. The best thing I can do at this time is to support you as you provide for a peaceful transition for President-Elect Joe Biden's Administration and to support the Legislative Branch as Congress carries out its constitutional duties.

You are diligent and faithful public servant who stands by your constitutional oath, and you understand the important roll Congress plays in our government. I hope to work alongside you after January 20 because I admire your professionalism, leadership, and thoroughness.

My forwarding e-mail is (b) (6) and my mailing address can be found on the back of my resignation SF-52 form.

Thank you for your work on behalf of our country.

Sincerely,



Todd Washam