December 12, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Cornyn
Assistant Majority Leader
United States Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Leader and Assistant Leader:

The American Cleaning Institute (ACI) respectfully requests a prompt and timely Senate vote before the end of the 115th Congress on the nomination of Alexandra Dunn to be Assistant Administrator (AA) for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP), which is pending before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Ms. Dunn has a distinguished career as a public servant and is an expert on environmental policy and regulation. Recent comments by EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler illustrate why ACI strongly supports this nomination: “Ms. Dunn has worked closely with states, tribes, and local governments to protect public health and the environment while providing the regulated community the certainty it needs to create jobs and support local economies.”

Ms. Dunn currently serves as regional administrator for EPA’s Region 1 office in Boston, Massachusetts, and has worked closely with stakeholders to ensure the appropriate protection of public health and the environment. Ms. Dunn previously served as executive director and general counsel for the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS). While at ECOS, Ms. Dunn worked on numerous environmental protection issues and was actively involved in national discourse regarding reforming the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

The Senate has yet to confirm a candidate for this position since this Administration began, nearly two years ago. Ms. Dunn’s confirmation for this position would provide OCSPP with the key leadership and experience needed to implement the recently amended TSCA. As such, we urge a swift action on Ms. Dunn’s nomination.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
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The Honorable Tom Carper
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