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Chairman Shelley Moore Capito  
Environment & Public Works Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Sheldon Whitehouse  
Environment & Public Works Committee  
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**RE: AGC Support for Mr. Zeldin's Nomination to be Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

Dear Chairman Capito and Ranking Member Whitehouse:

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) supports the nomination of Mr. Lee Zeldin as administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). AGC is a national construction trade association representing more than 28,000 construction firms with chapters and members in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. AGC chapters and members understand the importance of protecting our environment while advancing economic development.

Mr. Zeldin has demonstrated leadership as a representative from New York in the U.S. Congress and civic responsibility and engagement in the U.S. Army. While his career did not focus solely on the environment, he promoted common sense approaches on the issues he did address, including the restoration of the Long Island Sound, climate, and EPA funding and reform. He has shown a willingness to reach across the aisle to build understanding in the state and in Washington, D.C. He also supported the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015, providing for critical infrastructure as well as much needed permit streamlining.

Importantly, Mr. Zeldin is committed to President-elect Trump's goals on regulatory reform. AGC has supported many reforms across the federal agencies to improve bureaucratic processes that are inefficient or duplicative without jeopardizing environmental stewardship.

AGC looks forward to working with Mr. Zeldin on the important issue of environmental permitting, regulatory reform, and stewardship in the construction industry and continuing our positive working relationship with the EPA. As such, we urge the Senate to quickly confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey D. Shoaf'.

Jeffrey D. Shoaf  
Chief Executive Officer

CC: All members of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works