



Honorable Lee Zeldin  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

April 1, 2025

Dear Administrator Zeldin,

As governors and members of the Governors Coalition for Energy Security (GCES), we would like to commend you on recent actions you have taken to eliminate wasteful federal funding that has gone to support campaigns and other initiatives that would undermine American jobs and economic growth.

The goals of our organization include ensuring continued energy development to meet domestic energy demand, speeding permitting and reducing regulatory barriers to develop necessary energy infrastructure, and appropriately managing energy resources and the environment. As you can imagine, our jobs are only made harder when the federal government helps finance efforts to undermine energy infrastructure, petrochemical projects, and economic development in our states.

While you continue to shed light on the true depth of wasted spending out of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in part because of the lack of responsible oversight of Inflation Reduction Act dollars, we ask that you remain judicious in ensuring sustained accountability. We are concerned about the harm to our communities as we continue to uncover the billions of dollars that out-of-state interest groups and wealthy individuals have flooded into our states to push their preferred agendas – too often at the expense of hardworking Americans. We are certain you can appreciate the compounding effect when the federal government becomes a bank for financing those campaigns.

While it is clear the wasteful spending you have uncovered at the EPA was intended to target energy producers and the petrochemical industry, there will remain efforts beyond your control that will continue to frustrate project development, job creation, energy production, and manufacturing in our states. The GCES was created in part to help address and defend the onslaught of resources being utilized in our states to undermine economic growth.

Accordingly, we reach out not only to commend you on the important steps you are taking but also to make you aware of our willingness to partner with you in the key objectives of reducing wasteful spending, improving the environment, and responsibly permitting and developing projects across the United States.



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Thank you in advance for your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,

