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Subject: FW: Wehrum nomination

Let's try to work on these today – when do you have time to chat?

From: Baker, Karl [mailto:kbaker@delawareonline.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 2:21 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: wwehrum@hunton.com
Subject: RE: Wehrum nomination

Sure thing, here are some questions. Thanks for working with me on this, Liz. And thanks, Bill, for being so open during a difficult confirmation process.

Bio questions:
-Could you provide a quote or two about your origins in Delaware, meeting your wife, moving here in 1988, pursuing a legal education at Widener and ultimately a new career? Could you offer any details about your upbringing in Memphis?
-In your current position, do you commute to your Washington D.C. office on Amtrak's Acela, or by car? If you go by train, do you ever chat with Delaware's members of Congress on the way down? Or, even Joe Biden?
-In our newspaper's somewhat-dated voter database, records show you as a political independent. Do you identify with any party?

Regulation questions:
-An ongoing air quality issue in Delaware relates to pollution from so-called "upwind" states. Should the 2008 national ozone standard be more strictly enforced on states that are upwind of Delaware, such as Pennsylvania?

-How will you negotiate regulating the actions of people you have worked with in the private sector? Do you worry about being too personally familiar with officers of companies that you will regulate? To be clear, I'm not asking about recusing yourself from cases you have directly worked on, as those ethical rules are pretty straightforward, but about future regulatory actions that impact companies and their officers with whom you may be friendly.

Do you think human activity is the primary driver of climate change? Do you think the effects of climate change include longer fire seasons in western forests, more severe hurricanes, sea level rise, or acidification of oceans?

What do you think are any of the other effects of climate change? How should regulators price those effects, which may be decades away?

President Trump has dismissed climate change as threat numerous times before entering the White House. How will you operate under a boss who appears to disagree with an operating premise of many regulators?

Do you think the Clean Air Act is designed to regulate carbon emissions? Should Congress pass a new law to regulate those emissions? Should it place a direct price on carbon emissions?

Do you think the Obama Administration accurately estimated the financial toll of climate change?

What do you think will be the differences between how you run the EPA office compared with your predecessor under the Obama administration?

-Can you respond to critics in Congress, such as Sen. Merkley who said you embody a "Koch Brother-inspired determination not to acknowledge even the most fundamental facts" about a relationship between carbon dioxide and global warming?

From: Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 12:33 PM
To: Baker, Karl <kbaker@delawareonline.com>
Cc: wwehrum@hunton.com
Subject: Re: Wehrum nomination

We are happy to provide an interview on a Monday, or answer questions over email

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 8, 2017, at 12:28 PM, Baker, Karl <kbaker@delawareonline.com> wrote:

> Is there another EPA official who could call in during an interview?
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> **From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
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> **To:** Baker, Karl <kbaker@delawareonline.com>
> **Cc:** wwehrum@hunton.com
> **Subject:** Re: Wehrum nomination
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> I won't be able to facilitate that as I am out of the office but if you want to send questions over email we can help that way.
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> On Nov 8, 2017, at 12:20 PM, Baker, Karl <kbaker@delawareonline.com> wrote:
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> > Hi Liz,

Would we be able to do a conference call today or tomorrow morning? I'm hoping to run the story when the news is still fresh and I believe his confirmation should happen during the next day or two.

-Karl

From: Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Baker, Karl <kbaker@delawareonline.com>
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Subject: Re: Wehrum nomination

Hi Karl, We can set something up later this week. What times are you open on Monday?

Thank you, Liz

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On Nov 8, 2017, at 12:15 PM, Baker, Karl <kbaker@delawareonline.com> wrote:

> Hi there,
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> I'm a reporter in Delaware at The News Journal and would like to line an interview with Bill Wehrum for a story about his nomination to serve as Assistant Administrator at the EPA Office of Air and Radiation. Bill referred me to you, and I've CCed him on this email.
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> Would you be able to set that up? You can reach me at 302-607-5054.
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> Thanks,
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