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Dear Dr. Hill-Hammond,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the list of candidates for the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board. The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) is pleased to see numerous current and retired state environmental agency scientists from several states on the candidate list. Given the important role state environmental agencies play as co-regulators with EPA, ECOS recommends the appointment of at least two current or former state environmental agency personnel to the Science Advisory Board. ECOS encourages these to be from more than one state to ensure that multiple state viewpoints are included in the Board's deliberations.

As EPA is currently considering appointments to the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, ECOS also recommends the appointment of at least two current or former state environmental agency personnel to that Committee.

ECOS looks forward to learning what state agency representatives are on the Science Advisory Board as those decisions get made.

Sincerely,

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