



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Dear President Trump:

I want to thank you for your service to our great nation. Working on your America First agenda for the past two years was the honor of my life. Leaving is a difficult decision, but starting tomorrow, I am launching a new organization built to defend you and the many energy, regulatory and economic successes of your bold and pragmatic agenda.

Historic resistance from Democrats, the media and even some Republicans has made your accomplishments even more monumental. We have the cleanest air on record, we lead the world in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and our energy industry – the lifeblood of the thriving Trump economy – is the envy of the world. Every American should not only know this, but celebrate it.

I came to Washington eight years ago to fight back against the last administration's oppressive regulatory policies, unprecedented overreach and a mentality where apologizing for our nation's long-standing success was a common theme. This mindset brought about many bad deals including the Paris Climate Accord. Briefing you on the perils of the Accord and then your Rose Garden announcement to formally withdraw provided personal validation, but more importantly, made clear to the world that the American worker truly has priority over self-interested delusional international bureaucracies. A promise made and a promise kept.

I worked hard to help you keep other promises, too. I worked to repeal the disastrous Clean Power Plan and created opportunities for "beautiful clean American coal". I streamlined costly and complex permitting programs making our industrial sectors more efficient, modern and competitive. I also worked hard to ensure Americans can drive safe and efficient vehicles they both want and can afford. I must note that the hardworking and experienced civil servants at EPA made this all possible.

Your successes these first two years are reflective of the belief that a prosperous America is not built on handing over personal liberties but unleashing them. As a conservative Mississippian, environmental lawyer, and the mother of two, I am increasingly concerned with dangerous rhetoric from the far-left supportive of Venezuelan-style socialism, government take-overs and crony "green new deals" that do little for the environment and threaten our economic success.

Mr. President, you are truly making America great again. Ensuring eight years of your leadership is of upmost importance. Therefore, as of noon today, I will resign my appointment as the Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation at the US EPA. I will spend my time educating the public on the many successes of your administration and why your policies are worth fighting for.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mandy Gunasekara", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mandy Gunasekara