

June 10, 2021

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

We write to express our support for the appointment of Rod Snyder to serve as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Agriculture Advisor. Snyder is uniquely qualified for this role based upon his nearly two decades of working at the intersection of agricultural and environmental issues. Over the years, he has gained the respect and confidence of stakeholders ranging from farmers to environmental NGOs and would be an asset to EPA as you oversee key agricultural policy within the Agency.

Snyder currently serves as president of Field to Market: The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture, which is the largest multi-stakeholder initiative working to advance the sustainability of crop production in the United States. In this role, he has been highly effective at forging science-based consensus among diverse stakeholders across the food and ag value chain on complex issues such as climate, water quality, biodiversity, and pest management.

Snyder has become one of the most visible and respected leaders prioritizing environmental issues across the food and agricultural sector. In 2015, he co-founded the Sustainable Agriculture Summit, now the largest and most prominent annual sustainable agriculture conference in North America. He has also been a longtime champion of agricultural solutions to climate change and has on two occasions organized farmer delegations to participate in the United Nations Climate Summits in Paris and Copenhagen.

The Agriculture Advisor role at EPA is critically important for ensuring science-based expertise on agricultural matters, and we urge you to fill the position as expeditiously as possible. We believe Rod Snyder would be an ideal choice and recommend him without reservation. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Regards,

American Farm Bureau Federation
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives

National Farmers Union
National Pork Producers Council
National Potato Council
U.S. Apple Association
United Egg Producers
United Fresh Produce Association
USA Rice Federation