

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 11, 2025

The Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin,

We are writing to request a comprehensive list of companies that have requested a Presidential Exemption under the Clean Air Act, as outlined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on March 24, 2025.¹ Given the EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment, the Administration's expressed commitment to transparency^{2,3,4}, and your own written and oral testimony to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee during your confirmation hearing⁵, we believe it is imperative that the EPA disclose which companies are seeking to circumvent current environmental regulations.

We request that you expeditiously provide the names of all companies that requested a presidential exemption under the Clean Air Act and the details of their exemption request, including 1) any emissions standards or limitations subject to the request, facility(ies) and/or affected sources, 2) the length of compliance period being requested, 3) their explanation why the technology to implement the standard is not available, and 4) their explanation why an extension is in the national security interests of the United States. Please also include which of these companies, if any, expressed an intention to submit proprietary information.

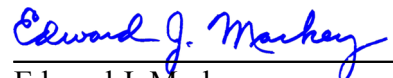
We would also like to know how your agency plans to evaluate and announce which companies are granted a presidential exemption and which applied but are denied. We expect all of this information to be made easily available to the public, as the Trump Administration repeatedly states that it is the "most transparent administration in history."

Please respond to the above requests for information and documents by no later than April 18, 2025. We appreciate your attention to this critical issue of transparency and look forward to receiving the information about the corporations seeking to be exempted from the rules and regulations of the Clean Air Act.

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator

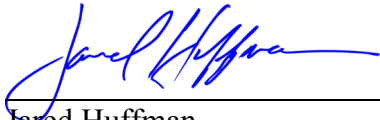
¹ <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/clean-air-act-section-112-presidential-exemption-information>

² <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/2025/01/press-briefing-by-press-secretary-karoline-leavitt/>

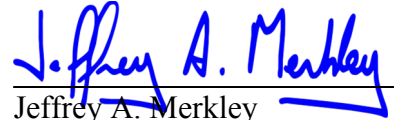
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⁴ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/02/sunday-shows-most-transparent-administration-in-history/>

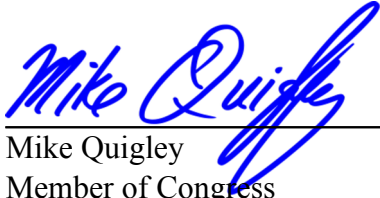
⁵ <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2025/1/hearing-on-the-nomination-of-the-honorable-lee-m-zeldin-to-be-administrator-of-the-environmental-protection-agency>



Jared Huffman
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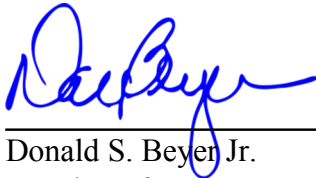
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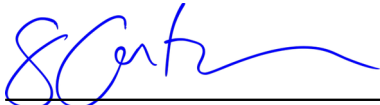
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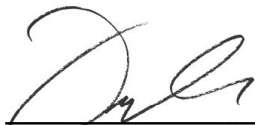
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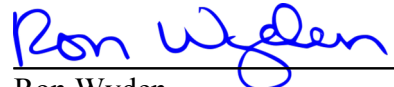
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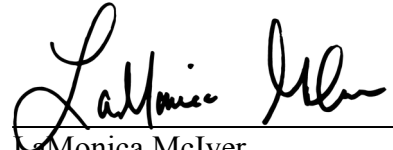
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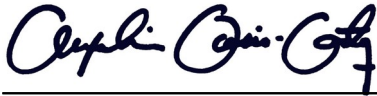
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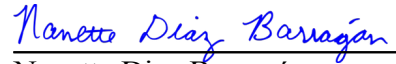
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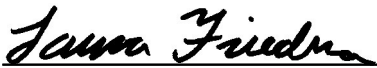
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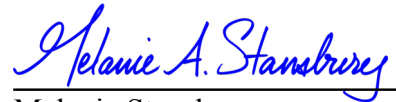
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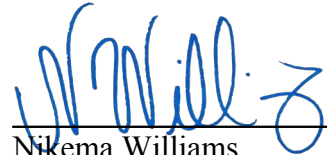
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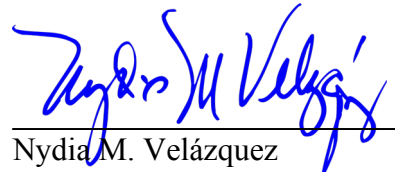
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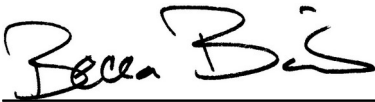
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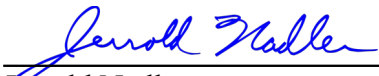
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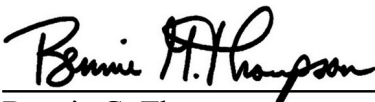
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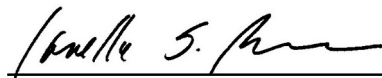
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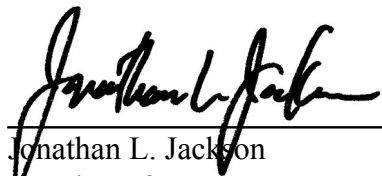
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