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"Dedicated to the Protection and Restoration of the Nation's Wetlands"

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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. EPA Headquarters – William J. Clinton Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (MC1101A)
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

As you begin your tenure at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), we are writing to you to share the areas of public policy that are of high importance to the members of the Association of State Wetland Managers. Attached is a paper that provides some background on our organization and outlines six priority topics that we believe are important. Healthy wetlands are intrinsic to sustaining clean water for the Nation as a whole and the work of individual state wetland programs is essential to sustain these and other aquatic resources. We look forward to working with you and your team at USEPA on these and other issues.

The Association of State Wetland Managers was founded in 1983 to support the work of states in protecting and managing wetland resources through the application of sound science. ASWM is a national, nonpartisan organization that works with states and other partners to build state capacity to protect, conserve and restore wetlands. We look forward to continued collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

We look forward to working with you.

If you have questions or would like to receive additional information, please contact ASWM's Executive Director, Jeanne Christie (jeanne.christie@aswm.org / 207-892-3399).

Sincerely,

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