

To: Chairman Lucido, Senate Advice & Consent Committee  
From: Manny Lentine  
Date: February 25, 2019  
Re: Confirmation Hearing; DEQ Director Clark; February 28, 2019

Mr. Chairman,

Please add my name to the list of support of the appointment of Liesel Clark as Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

I have known and worked with Ms. Clark for nearly 15 years, including her time as House Democrat staff; her time as Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth; as well as her time in the private sector at both the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council and 5 Lakes Energy.

Liesel has always presented herself professionally and as a person guided by policy. Her style is one of transparency, inclusiveness and deliberativeness. In addition, the combination of experience in the legislative and executive branches of Michigan government when combined with private sector experience, provide Ms. Clark a unique skill set for the challenges that lie ahead.

I have no idea or expectation what decisions Director Clark will make that impact issues of concern to me. However, I am comfortable and confident that Director Clark will appropriately balance the interests of all concerned and make decisions that are in the best interest of the State of Michigan. To ask more is neither appropriate nor fair.

I appreciate your due diligence and I thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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