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September 8, 2015

Ms. Stephanie Sanzone  
Designated Federal Officer  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Science Advisory Board  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 31150  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Ms. Sanzone,

As you review the list of 88 candidates nominated to serve on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Agricultural Science Committee, I urge you to give full and fair consideration to Dr. George F. Czapar for selection to serve on the EPA's SAB. Dr. Czapar's experience and background in agriculture make him an excellent candidate to serve in this capacity.

Dr. Czapar, a constituent of mine from Illinois' 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, currently serves as Associate Dean and Director of University of Illinois Extension and as an Associate Professor in the Department of Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois. Dr. Czapar has also served on the Governor's Groundwater Advisory Council, the Illinois Department of Agriculture-Nutrient Management Task Force and the Lt. Governor's Science Advisory Committee for Illinois Rivers.

As the author of the provision in the 2014 Farm Bill that created the Agricultural Science Committee of the SAB, I have consistently reinforced in hearings with representatives from your agency that it is the intent of Congress to have experts on the SAB with substantive experience in production agriculture. In doing this, the trust gap between farmers on the ground and the agencies in Washington can be improved. To that end, I believe Dr. Czapar's service on the SAB will greatly increase the board's capacity to accomplish its intended purpose of giving agriculture and farmers a seat at the table when EPA develops rules and regulations that impact rural America.

Sincerely,



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