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MOMS CLEAN AIR FORCE CELEBRATES WITHDRAWAL OF DOURSON’S NOMINATION

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Statement of Dominique Browning, co-founder and senior director, Moms Clean Air Force:

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 15, 2017)—“This week, Michael Dourson, chemical industry toxicologist-for-hire, withdrew his nomination to lead EPA’s chemical safety office. This is a major victory in the fight to protect our children from toxic chemicals. Dourson’s track record made it clear he never cared about people’s health—much less the more vulnerable among us: our children. Nor would he have ever done the job of enforcing the toxic chemical law we worked so hard together to pass last year.

“Dourson was nominated to regulate the very chemicals that he spent decades endorsing on behalf of the chemical industry. Moms were appalled by this conflict of interest. With the health of our children on the line, Moms Clean Air Force members from across the country jumped into action to oppose the nomination, flooding their elected officials with emails, letters, calls, and in-person visits to express their concerns about his devastating conflicts of interest.

“It worked. Dourson’s withdrawal shows the power we have when we work together and raise our voices. Moms Clean Air Force celebrates this victory, which will help keep American families safer.”

“This victory should serve as notice to EPA administrator Scott Pruitt that moms across the country are watching his every move, and that we will do whatever it takes to protect every breath our children take.”

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