In her New York Times opinion piece, Browning issues a clarion call to make Wheeler answer for his “refusal to protect the brains of tiny babies” at his nomination hearing Wednesday morning, January 16, in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, specifically calling out Wheeler’s most recent attack on bedrock pollution prevention measures: a proposal to undermine the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, which set national limits for mercury emissions from coal plants. Wheeler’s actions are more than just a moral outrage—worse, they are putting our country at risk of “normalizing his ruthless disregard for health and science-based protections,” as Browning writes.

The opinion “This Coal Lobbyist Should Not Run the E.P.A.” tells the story of Browning’s years-long battle to strengthen health protections for our children — and the deeply troubling agenda of the Trump Administration to undermine these same protections, moving us decisively toward a toxic deregulatory regime by nominating Andrew Wheeler, currently acting administrator at EPA, to formally step into the shoes of disgraced former administrator Scott Pruitt. Wheeler is a former coal lobbyist whose every action as acting administrator proves his top priority is protecting polluters, not people.

Please read her New York Times piece about the dangers of Wheeler’s latest effort to undo mercury protections — the latest and most cynical example of Wheeler’s toxic agenda.

And to learn more about Wheeler’s profoundly radical and immoral actions at EPA — and how his fingerprints are all over more than a dozen proposed rollbacks of environmental regulations covering cars, carbon emissions from power plants, coal ash and more — see:

- “This Coal Lobbyist Should Not Run the E.P.A.”
- “Moms Oppose Wheeler’s Nomination to be EPA Administrator”
- “Ten Reasons Why Moms Oppose Wheeler as EPA Chief”
- “Wheeler’s Toxic Chemical Agenda Is Dangerous”

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