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U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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Re: Nomination of Samuel Walsh, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

On behalf of the members of the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), the governor-designated State Energy Offices from the 56 states, territories, and District of Columbia, we support the confirmation of Samuel Walsh as the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) General Counsel.

Mr. Walsh will bring unique expertise and exceptional leadership at the helm of the talented and dedicated team of DOE's Office of the General Counsel. Throughout his career, Mr. Walsh has addressed a wide range of critical energy policy and legal issues. His understanding of complex energy infrastructure issues and energy policy and regulatory opportunities across a range of sectors have afforded him a unique ability to find novel solutions to vexing energy challenges. He also demonstrated his expertise and ability as Deputy General Counsel for Energy Policy at DOE from 2014-2016. Moreover, his experience representing clients before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission brings a critical resource to DOE at a time of historic energy market transition.

NASEO applauds the selection of Samuel Walsh to lead DOE's Office of the General Counsel and encourages the Committee to move quickly on his confirmation.

Best regards,

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