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Letters to the Editor
The Patriot News
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Dear Editor:

With respect to the *Patriot News*' endorsement of John Hanger for DEP Secretary, you claim that it is Mr. Hanger's strong advocacy for the environment that has led to run-ins with legislators. That's just not accurate.

There are a lot of environmental advocates – Republicans and Democrats – who have worked collaboratively to advance sound environmental policies for Pennsylvania. The water resources planning, mercury reduction, vehicle emissions and Growing Greener expansion bills all passed the Senate with strong, bipartisan support. Yet in each case, the Governor's nominee issued personal attacks against those who dared to disagree with his all-or-nothing approach. That's not a responsible way to craft public policy.

It is reasonable for the Senate to ask if this nominee is the best choice for this important position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jo White".

Mary Jo White, Chairman
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& Energy Committee