

January 12, 2017

**AEA** AMERICAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Dear Senators,

**HERITAGE ACTION FOR AMERICA**

We, the undersigned, express our strong support for the nomination of Edward Scott Pruitt to the position of Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Pruitt is highly qualified to lead the nation's chief air and water regulatory agency. We fully endorse his selection and urge the Senate to confirm Mr. Pruitt as the next EPA Administrator.

**AMERICANS for TAX REFORM**

Attorney General Pruitt has consistently fought for Oklahoma families and communities and has been a stalwart defender against federal intrusion into state and individual rights. Notably, Mr. Pruitt led a multi-state effort opposing the EPA's unlawful attempt to take over the nation's electricity grid under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act. The EPA's plan would shutter an estimated 40 GW of reliable and affordable energy, unnecessarily harming American families for little to no environmental benefit.<sup>1</sup>

**COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE**

In recent years, the EPA has been chronically late on complying with deadlines. In a study assessing 1,000 deadlines across the four major stationary source programs, the Competitive Enterprise Institute found that the EPA missed 84 percent of their Clean Air Act deadlines and was late by an average of 4.3 years.<sup>2</sup> Mr. Pruitt will work to get the EPA back on track and in compliance with its statutory Clean Air Act responsibilities.

**FreedomWorks**

**THE CLUB FOR GROWTH**

**AMERICAN COMMITMENT**

Attorney General Pruitt has stood up for states, families, and the Constitution by opposing the Administration's unconstitutional regulatory overreach through the re-definition of the "waters of the United States." This rule was so invasive that small ditches on family farms or near businesses could have been subject to federal regulation. Mr. Pruitt filed suit against the EPA, refusing to subject Oklahomans and other Americans to this unconstitutional regulation without exhausting all legal pathways.

**EEL LEGAL**  
Energy & Environment Legal Institute

**TAXPAYERS PROTECTION ALLIANCE**

Attorney General Pruitt understands that air quality in the United States has dramatically improved over the years. According to the EPA, since 1970 alone air pollution emissions have fallen by 70 percent even as we have used more coal, natural gas, oil, and grew the economy by 240 percent. Mr. Pruitt is committed to continuing these trends.

**NBCC** National Black Chamber of Commerce  
*"Where Business Begins"*



Some claim that Mr. Pruitt opposes clean air and water. This could not be further than the truth. Mr. Pruitt respects and upholds the Constitution, and understands that many of the nation's challenges regarding clean air and water are best met at the state and local level. It is, in fact the states that implement many of the nation's environmental laws, and for good reason.

**INSTITUTE FOR LIBERTY**  
Defending America's Right To Be Free

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.eia.gov/analysis/requests/powerplants/cleanplan/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://cei.org/content/epa%E2%80%99s-dereliction-duty>



THE HEARTLAND INSTITUTE



ENERGY POLICY NETWORK



BALANCED ENERGY FOR TEXAS



The federal government is not the end-all, be-all solution. Empowering states to take their own steps in addressing environmental concerns promotes responsiveness, the responsible use of taxpayer resources, and ensures that the people closest to the issues and with the most knowledge of what is needed are given the power to do just that.

Mr. Pruitt has demonstrated his commitment to upholding the Constitution and ensuring the EPA works for American families and consumers. Under Mr. Pruitt, we hope the EPA will follow the laws set forth by Congress and cooperate with states to advance its mission of keeping our air clean and our water pure. We fully support Mr. Pruitt for the position of EPA Administrator and encourage the Senate to swiftly approve his nomination.

Sincerely,

Thomas Pyle, American Energy Alliance  
Michael Needham, Heritage Action for America  
Grover Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform  
Kent Lassman, Competitive Enterprise Institute  
Adam Brandon, FreedomWorks  
David McIntosh, Club for Growth  
Phil Kerpen, American Commitment  
Craig Richardson, Energy and Environment Action Team  
David Williams, Taxpayers Protection Alliance  
Harry Alford, National Black Chamber of Commerce  
Jim Martin, 60 Plus  
Andrew Langer, Institute for Liberty  
Heather Higgins, Independent Women's Voice  
Independence Institute  
Richard Martin, Americans for Limited Government  
Coalition Opposed to Additional Spending and Taxes (COAST)  
Brett Healy, Maclver Institute  
Joseph Bast, Heartland Institute  
George Landrith, Frontiers of Freedom  
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