Organizational Sign-on Letter Opposing Scott Pruitt for EPA Administrator

Dear U.S. Senators:

We, the undersigned environmental, health, labor, faith, community, business, and advocacy organizations, and elected officials, write to urge your strong, unqualified, and robust opposition to Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt’s appointment to head the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Pruitt has a record of advocating against any and all protections for our water, air and climate. Allowing him to lead the EPA would not only be a disaster for the environment, but for every person in the United States who drinks water or breathes air.

We could write a book detailing Pruitt’s anti-environmental views – he has bragged about repeatedly suing the agency he is now being asked to run – but here are a few highlights:

- As Attorney General of Oklahoma, Pruitt campaigned in support of a ballot measure that would have made it virtually impossible for the state to regulate pollution caused by factory farms – pollution which poisons surrounding communities’ air and drinking water. Fortunately, Oklahoma voters have the good sense to reject this measure.
- Pruitt is a climate denier who has said that the link between human activity and climate change is “far from settled.” He is part of an effort to shield Exxon and other energy companies from accountability over years of misleading the public about the science around climate change.
- Pruitt opposes the ability of the EPA to regulate carbon as a pollutant, something that is essential to combatting climate change.
- Pruitt has opposed the EPA’s Waters of the U.S. rule, which strengthened regulations aimed at protecting water from runoff pollution.
- Pruitt even opposes protecting the environment around our national parks. In 2014, Pruitt unsuccessfully sued the EPA over its Regional Haze Rule, a law designed to foster cleaner air at national parks by reducing coal-fired power plant emissions.
- As earthquakes caused by fracking and waste disposal have ravaged Oklahoma, Pruitt has done nothing to protect the people of his state or hold the fossil fuel industry accountable.
- None of this should come as a surprise, given that Pruitt has accepted over $300,000 in campaign contributions from the fossil fuel industry.

As the above record indicates, Pruitt as EPA Administrator would be a disaster for the environment. But it’s worth noting that environmental harm also means human harm. When water is polluted by factory farms, it means that people living down stream get poisoned. When air is polluted by power plants and refineries, it means people living nearby get poisoned. When water systems are allowed to deteriorate and there is insufficient federal response – like in Flint, Michigan – it means people get poisoned. When fossil fuel companies are allowed to drill and dispose of waste with impunity causing earthquakes, it means people’s homes are damaged and working people have to pay more for insurance. And when climate change is denied and
allowed to accelerate, it means more superstorms, which means significant property damage and possible loss of life for people living in coastal areas.

The environment should not be a partisan issue, and someone with Scott Pruitt’s record should not be allowed anywhere near the EPA, let alone put in a position to lead it. We urge you to not only vote against Pruitt’s nomination, but actively use all the power of your office and position to block it. We urge you to lobby your colleagues on both sides of the aisle to oppose his nomination, to speak out in the media highlighting his egregious environmental track record, and use all procedural means at your disposal to block Scott Pruitt from becoming EPA Administrator.

Signed,

National Organizations
Food & Water Watch
350.org
ActionAid USA
Americans Against Fracking
Breast Cancer Action
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Environmental Health
Center for Food Safety
Center for Popular Democracy Action
Climate Hawks Vote
ClimateMama
ClimateTruth.org
Communication Workers of America
Corporate Accountability International
CREDO
Daily Kos
Democracy Matters
Democratic Socialists of America
Earth Guardians
Earthworks
Elders Climate Action
Environmental Action
Environmental Working Group
Family Farm Defenders
Friends of the Earth
Frack Action
Freedom US Section
Global Exchange
Global Witness
GMO Free USA
GMO Inside
Green America
Greenpeace
Hazon
Hispanic Federation
Honor the Earth
Indigenous Environmental Network
Labor Network for Sustainability
Mainstreet Moms
NAACP
National Employment Law Project
National Family Farm Coalition
National Nurses United
Native Organizers Alliance
Nuclear Information and Resource Service
Oil Change International
Organic Consumers Association
Our Revolution
Peace Action
People Demanding Action
People for Bernie
People for the American Way
People’s Action
Pesticide Action Network North America
Popular Resistance
Power Shift Network
Progressive Congress Action Fund
Progressive Democrats of America
Psychologists for Social Responsibility -
Environmental Action Group
Public Citizen
Rainforest Action Network
ReFund America Project
Stand.earth
Stop the Frack Attack Advisory Council
SustainUS

Sustainable Food Trade Association
The Story of Stuff Project
Waterkeeper Alliance
WildEarth Guardians
Women’s International League for Peace &
Working Families Party
Young Evangelicals for Climate Action

Local, State and Regional Organizations and Businesses

350 Brooklyn
350 Madison
350 Bucks County
350 Colorado
350 CT
350 Eugene
350 KC
350 Kishwaukee
350 Loudoun, Sierra Club, Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun
350 Louisiana - New Orleans
350 MA for a Better Future - South Shore Node
350 Mass
350 Pittsburgh
350 Plattsburgh
350 Santa Barbara
350 Seattle
350 Silicon Valley
350 Brooklyn
350 NYC
Advocates for Cherry Valley
Advocates for Morris
Advocates for Springfield, NY
Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice
All Our Energy
Allergy and Asthma Office
Alliance for Climate Education
Already Devalued and Devastated Homeowners of Parsippany
American University Washington College of Law Environmental Law Society
Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.
Aquamarine Studio
Ariel Bickel dba Chispa Consulting
Association of American Indian Farmers
Atchafalaya Basinkeeper
Athens County Fracking Action Network
Back To Democracy
Ballona Creek Renaissance
Ban the Bag Wichita
Ban Fracking CA
Bark, Defenders of Mt. Hood
BARRETT INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED
Barry Dems
Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace and Justice
Bay Ridge Democrats
Be the Change
Benedictine Sisters
Bergen Save the Watershed Action Network
Berks Gas Truth
Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT)
Bernie Delegates Network L.A.
Beyond Extreme Energy
Big Bend Conservation Alliance
Big Initiatives
Bronx Climate Justice North
Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture
Buckeye Environmental Network
Cafeteria Culture
Cahaba Riverkeeper
Californians Against Fracking
Capital District Against Fracking
CAPP
CAPPNY
Career-Element, LLC.
Carson Connected
Catskill Citizens for Safe Energy
Catskill Mountainkeeper
CAVU
CCC
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church Environmental Justice Ministry
Center for Community Change Action
Center for Earth Ethics
Central California Environmental Justice Network
Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War
CEO Pipe Organs/Golden Ponds Farm
Chenango CDOGG (Chenango Delaware Otsego Gas Drilling Opposition Group)
Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper
Church Women United in New York State
Citizen Action of New York
Citizens Action Coalition of IN
Citizens Energy and Economics Council of Delaware County, NY (CEEC)
Citizens For A Clean Pompton Lakes
Citizens for Oceanfront Preservation
Citizens of Local Power
Citizens United for Renewable Energy (CURE)
Citizens' Environmental Coalition
Cleveland Environmental Action Network
Cleveland National Forest Foundation
Climate Caretakers
Climate Justice Hub
Climate Law & Policy Project
Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipelines- NY
Coalition Against the Pilgrim Pipeline
Coalition Against the Pilgrim Pipeline NJ
Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation
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Colorado AFL-CIO
Colorado People's Alliance
Colorado Rising
Colorado Springs LadyDems Group
Columbus Community Bill of Rights
Committee for Constitutional & Environmental Justice
Community for Unity
Community Research
Community Rights Organization of Willits
Community Science Institute
Complete It Cuomo
Compressor Free Franklin
Computer Co-op
Concerned Citizens For Change
Concerned Citizens of Otego NY
Concerned Families of Westchester
Concerned Health Professionals of New York
Concerned Citizens of Lebanon County
Concerned Residents of Oxford
Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC
Connecticut Center for the Alexander Technique
Connecticut Fund for the Environment
Connecticut Sierra Club
Conservation Voters New Mexico
Crawford Stewardship Project
CT Citizen Action Group
CURE (Clean Up the River Environment)
DAG-Delaware Action Group
Damascus Citizens for Sustainability
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Democratic Women's Club of Bay County
Denver Justice and Peace Committee
DIRLA
Don't Waste Arizona
Donnelly/Colt
Dryden Resource Awareness Coalition
Earth Action, Inc.
Earth Day Initiative
Earth Dweller
East Jersey Chapter Trout Unlimited
East New York Farms!/United Community Centers
Eastern Connecticut Green Action
Eco-Poetry.org: Climate Crisis Literature, News & Alerts
EcoEquity
ECOS Gathering
Eight Rivers Council
El Comite de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agricolas / The Farmworkers’ Support Committee
Elder Activists
Elmirans & Friends Against Fracking
Empire State Consumer Project, Inc.
Esopus Creek Conservancy
Esopus Town CAPP
Essex County Green Party
Fair World Project
Farmers and Families for Claverack
Farmers and Families for Livingston
Finger Lakes Cider House/Good Life Cider
First Parish in Hingham
First People’s Conservation Council of La.
Floridians Against Fracking
Food Empowerment Project
For the Children and the Earth
Forest City 350 Climate Coalition
Fossil Free Drexel
Fossil Free Tompkins
Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice
Frack Action
Frack Free Illinois // Chicagoland Oil By Rail
Freshwater Future
Friends of Lenape Everywhere
Friends of the Harmed
Friends of the Pogonip
Gas Free Seneca
Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace
Genesis Farm
GENUK.ev
Gila Resources Information Project
Glover Kenny Associates
GMO Free NY
Grassroots Environmental Education
Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank
Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition
Green Country Sierra Club Group
Green Delaware
Green Party of Michigan
Green Shepherd, LLC
Greenbelt Climate Action Network
Guilford Peace Alliance
Gulf Restoration Network
Gunntown Committee
Hansen & Sun Electric
Hap Mountain Herbal
Hatch Arts Collective
Hazon
Health Care Associates Ltd
Hennebry Canel Appraisal
HHSO
Hilton Head for Peace
Hip Hop Caucus
Hoosier Environmental Council
Humboldt Baykeeper
Hunger Action Network of NYS
HydroQuest
iEat Green, LLC
Indigenous Cultural Concepts
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
Ironwood Farm
Irthlingz Arts-Based Environmental Education
Islamic center of Virginia
Ithaca-SHIP.org
Jackpine Savage Guide Service
Jewish Climate Action Network NYC
Jewish Farm School
Job Wise Inc.
Just Food
Kalamazoo River Protection Assoc.
Keystone Progress
Laguna Acoma Coalition for a Safe Environment
Landscape Alternatives, L.L.C.
LEAD Agency, Inc.
Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern (A.K.A. LEPOCO Peace Center)
Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware
Little Lakes Sustainability Network
Long Beach 350
Long Branch Environmental Education Center
Long Island Progressive Coalition
Los Alamos Study Group
Lutheran Church in the San Juans
Mackenzie Consulting LLC
Make the Road New York
Mann Plumbing, Inc./ MPI Solar
Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation
Mid-Hudson Sierra Club
Mid-Missouri Peaceworks
Middlefield Neighbors
Milford Doers/Residents of Crumhorn Mtn
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light
Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment (MORE)
MN 350
Mohawk Valley Keeper
Moms Clean Air Force
Moms Clean Air Force - Illinois
Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment
Native American Community Development Institute
Nature Coast Conservation, Inc.
Neighborhood Tree Health, Am. Civic & Cultural Enterprise
NEOGAP (Network for Oil and Gas Accountability and Protection)
New Hampshire Pipeline Awareness
New Haven Climate Movement
New Haven Leon Sister City Project
New Jersey Tenants Organization
New Leaf
New Mexico Climate Action
New Mexico Environmental Law Center
New Mexico Story Power
New Paltz Climate Action Coalition
New Vision Edge Inc
New York Climate Action Group
New York Communities for Change (NYCC)
New York Heartwoods, LLC
New York Progressive Action Network
New Yorkers Against Fracking
NJ State Industrial Union Council
NJ Working Families
NMEAC
No Sharon Gas Pipeline
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE)
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York
North Jersey Pipeline Walkers
Nuclear Age Peace Foundation
NY Buddhist Climate Action Network
NYC Grassroots Alliance
NYC H2O
Occupy Bergen County (N.J.)
Ocean Conservation Research
Orange Residents Against Pilgrim Pipelines
Organize Now
Otsego 2000, Inc.
Otsego Neighbors
Our Health, Our Future, Our Longmont
OVEC
OWS Special Projects Affinity Group
Parish of Holy Cross-Saint John the Baptist
Partnership for Global Justice
Patriots From the Oil & Gas Shales
PAUSE - People of Albany United for Safe Energy
Peace Action Fund of NYS
Peace Action New York State
Peacework Organic CSA
Pennsylvania Alliance for Clean Water and Air
Pennsylvania Federation BMWED-Teamsters
Pennsylvanians Against Fracking
People for a Healthy Environment, Inc.
People for Community Rights
People Over Pipelines
People's Climate Movement - Capital Region
Permanent Solutions
PERRO
Philadelphia Neighborhood Networks
Physicians for Social Responsibility, Florida
Physicians for Social Responsibility, Arizona
Physicians for Social Responsibility, New York
Plataforma Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, Democracia y Desarrollo (PIDHDD)
Plymouth Friends of Clean Water
Professor of Pastoral Care
Progress Michigan
Protect Monterey County
Protect Our Loveland
Protect the Adirondacks
PSARA
PSR Florida
Putting Down Roots
Redwing Blackbird Theater
Regional Farm and Food Project
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga (RAFT)
Restore the Delta
Rethink Energy Florida
Richmond -Interfaith Climate Justice League
Richmond Progressive Alliance
Rio Arriba Concerned Citizens
ROAR Against Fracking
Rochester People's Climate Coalition
Roots and Trails
Rootskeeper.org
Roseland Against the Compressor Station (RACS)
San Diego Coastkeeper
San Francisco Baykeeper
Sane Energy Progress
Sanford-Oquaga Area Concerned Citizens (S-OACC)
Sanford-Oquaga Concerned Citizens
Santa Barbara Standing Rock Coalition
Santa Cruz Climate Action network
SAPE
Save Our Forests and Ranchlands
Save Our Illinois Land
SECAP
SEED (Securing Economic and Energy Democracy in SW NM)
SEIU local 1021
Seneca Lake Guardian, A Waterkeeper Affiliate
Seven Circles Foundation
Sharon Springs Against Hydrofracking
Sierra Club Michigan Chapter
Sierra Club, River Prairie IL
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter
Sing Along
Sisters of Charity Federation
Sisters of St. Dominic
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
SLO Clean Water
Slow Food Hudson Valley
So What Else
SoCal 350 Climate Action
Social Justice Cttee of Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society of Madison, CT
Social Justice Team Detroit Metro Assoc United Church of Christ
Sojourners
Solidarity Committee of the Capital District
Sound Rivers, Inc.
South Asian Fund For Education, Scholarship and Training (SAFEST)
South Coast Neighbors United, Inc.
South Jersey Chapter Surfrider Foundation
Southern Cayuga Anti-Fracking Alliance
SSJ Earth Center
St. Mary's River Watershed Association
Standard Clay Products Co.
Starfishgirl Anti-Stalking Campaign
Stop Algonquin Pipeline Expansion
Stop NY Fracked Gas Pipeline
Storrs Automotive
Straits Area Concerned Citizens
Strawtown Studio
Students for a Just & Stable Future
Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice
Sullivan Area Citizens for Responsible Energy Development
Sunflower Alliance
Sunnyside CSA
SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station
Surfers Environmental Alliance
Sustainable Delaware
Sustainable McDonough
Sustainable Medina County
Sustainable Midlands
Sustainable Saugerties
Sustainable Tompkins
Syracuse Peace Council
TakeAction Minnesota
Tampa Bay Climate Action Network
The #PutAPriceOnIt Campaign
The AMP Creeks Council
The Black Institute
The Carrie Dickerson Foundation
The CLEO Institute
The Global Cooling Project
The Natural History Museum
The Nature Place Day Camp
The Raiz Up
The Ramapo River Committee
The Seeding Sovereignty Project
The Shalom Center
The Wei
The Years of Living Dangerously
Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue
Three Parks Independent Democrats
Town of Ulysses
Toxics Action Center
Transition Express Inc
Triangle Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
Turtle Island Restoration Network
Uncouth Vermouth, Incorporated
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore
Unitarian Universalist Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network (UUPLAN)
Unitarian Universalist, Egg Harbor City, NJ
United for Action
United Native Americans
Valley Organic Growers Association
Vokashi - Compost Collection Service
Voters Occupy
Waterkeepers Chesapeake
WATERSPIRIT
WE ACT for Environmental Justice
We Are Cove Point
We Are Seneca Lake
WESPAC Foundation
West Branch Conservation Association
Westchester for Change
WilderUtopia
Wisdom of the Herbs School
Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources
Women Against War
World Can't Wait
World Team Now