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## **500+ Biz Leaders: Just Say No to Pruitt for EPA Chief**

*Signatories Hail From: CA, CO, CT, FL, IL, IA, KY, LA, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, VA, WA, WI; ‘Does Not Satisfy Basic Requirements of Job’*

WASHINGTON (Jan. 24, 2017) – More than 500 business leaders from more than 20 states who represent nearly every sector of our nation’s economy today urged the Senate to vote against confirmation of Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s next administrator.

The business leaders made their case in a letter available [here](#). The letter was organized by the national, nonpartisan business group Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2). Confirmation votes on Pruitt’s nomination are expected soon in both the Environment and Public Works Committee and the full Senate. The first vote could come as early as next week.

**“Pruitt is a bad deal for American business,”** said E2 executive director Bob Keefe. **“Senators should reject this nomination.”**

According to the letter, Pruitt’s views and past actions on clean energy, climate change and carbon pollution indicate his appointment to EPA administrator would set back the remarkable growth of clean energy and clean energy jobs in America while ignoring the high economic costs of inaction on climate change.

“In contrast to the economic benefits that clean energy and other resource efficiency technologies provide, the costs of climate change are undermining our economy across the board,” the letter states. “Extreme weather events, drought and flooding, transport disruptions, and increased geopolitical instability all create unmanageable risks for businesses.

“Considering these factors, it is clear we need a forward-thinking EPA Administrator who supports both a healthy environment and a growing economy. Unfortunately, Attorney General Pruitt does not begin to satisfy these basic requirements.”

The letter’s signatories work, live or do business in states including California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, Washington, D.C., and Wisconsin

The signatories work or invest in sectors such as technology, energy, finance, healthcare, and industrials.

To speak with clean energy business leaders in your state, please contact Patrick Mitchell at [pmitchell@hastingsgroup.com](mailto:pmitchell@hastingsgroup.com).

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